



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – April 13, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

I'm glad to say that I've observed none of the behavior from you on Zoom exhibited in the SNL "At Home" edition from the weekend:

<https://www.popsugar.com/entertainment/saturday-night-live-zoom-call-sketch-video-47387167>

Phew.

As you grind through the remainder of your academic work for the term (a verb that fits the times, as it's hard to pretend otherwise), a reminder that I'm here to talk through summer school, thwarted distribution plans, majors, season two of Outlander, an annotated ranking of online core workouts, and good reads. Not in that order.

With you,

Dean Hill

*This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.*

*Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.*

*If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.*

*-John O'Donohue, Ireland*

# Tutoring

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn.

Her hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. To sign up for an appointment go to [www.yalewco.com](http://www.yalewco.com) or email [lesley.finn@yale.edu](mailto:lesley.finn@yale.edu).

## **Yale Tutoring Resources:**

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduatewriting>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields>

Language Tutoring: <http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring>

Academic Strategies: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>

Advising Resources: <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

## [CIPE](#)

### THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

All university-sponsored international and domestic travel is now prohibited (April 6, 2020). Visit the [Yale College Travel Policy](#) for updated information.

**Students currently abroad** should continue to follow the guidance communicated directly with them. CIPE staff are working individually with each student depending on their location and circumstances.

### RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the [Daily Chatter](#), a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)!

## [OCS](#)

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Yale's Domestic Summer Award](#) is still happening for Summer 2020! In light of COVID-19, students can use their DSA for remote work. Guidelines found [here](#). (*summer 2020 only*)

### RESOURCES

**Office Closure:** The Office of Career Strategy will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday and will reopen Monday, April 13.

**Virtual Advising Available** - Until further notice, all career advising appointments will be held by phone or video (Zoom or Skype). Please request appointments through Yale Career Link and select one of the Remote location options.

## Yale Degree Audit



Yale Degree Audit (YDA) is a tool that tracks your progress toward the bachelor's degree. YDA is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). YDA displays the Yale College degree requirements that you have already completed and those that are still pending. A "Look Ahead" feature shows you how future course enrollment might apply toward your degree. Yale Degree Audit does not take the place of face-to-face advising, although you may wish to share your audit with your adviser. Instead, it provides an easy-to-read summary of requirements, allowing you and your adviser to spend more time discussing course selection and academic goals.

Do not rely solely on your degree audit when planning your courses; continue to use Yale's standard systems for schedule planning and employ YDA as an additional tool. More features will be added to YDA in the future, including the ability to track progress toward major requirements.

If you have suggestions, general observations, or questions that are not answered by the FAQs, send them to [registrar@yale.edu](mailto:registrar@yale.edu) using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.

**Join Cross Campus and Connect with Yale Alums:** Join at [crosscampus.yale.edu](https://crosscampus.yale.edu)

All students are invited to join [Cross Campus](https://crosscampus.yale.edu), Yale's new, online networking, community-building, and mentoring platform. Students can network, get advice and one-on-one coaching from Yalies who have "been in their shoes." Please note the current Yale Career Network will merge with the new Cross Campus network in June 2020. To Get Started:

- Go to [crosscampus.yale.edu](https://crosscampus.yale.edu) and click "Join"
- Create your profile and include your desired discussion topics and fields of interest
- Click on "Find Other Yalies" – and connect with alums
- Join your favorite Cross Campus Groups
- Post on our Discussion Board

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplcity under Events/Employer Events to sign up.

### [YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Want to earn 2 Yale credits and a QR distributional requirement while building a portfolio of coding projects for graduate school and job interviews? Check out the [Yale x Flatiron School Web Development Bootcamp \(CPSC S115\)](#) as an option for this summer! You can participate from anywhere because the bootcamp will be online this year. Learn more in our [webinar](#) on Monday, April 13 from 12pm-1pm. Want to get a taste of web development? Come to our online [Web Development Workshop](#) Tuesday night from 6-6:45pm – no experience or commitment needed! **The application closes April 15.**

[summer.yale.edu](https://summer.yale.edu)

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

### [STUDY ABROAD](#)

**\*\*IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR FALL 2020 OR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 \*\***

[Credit for Fall Term Abroad](#) | Application Deadline: **April 15**

[Credit for Academic Year Abroad](#) | Application Deadline: **April 15**

While acknowledging that much can change in the next few months, we encourage you to move forward with submitting your Year or Term Abroad application for Fall 2020 or Full Year 2020-2021.

### COVID-19 RESOURCES

Yale is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19. Yale College students should visit the [Yale College Travel Policy](#) for updated information on travel restrictions and [Yale's COVID-19](#) page for additional information and announcements.

For the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad, please refer to the [Study Abroad COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Update](#) webpage.

## RESOURCES

[Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) – Schedule a remote appointment directly from our website. Advisers are available to discuss all aspects of study abroad - goals, programs, the application process, credit transfer, financial aid, and pre-departure information - as well as back-up options in case of travel restrictions.

## [FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### [Stanford at Yale: Knight Hennessy Scholars Online Information Session](#)

Monday, April 13, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

[Register HERE](#)

#### [Zoom Webinar: Writing Essays for National Fellowships Workshop](#)

Thursday, April 16, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/891650801>

#### [Zoom Webinar: UK fellowships - Rhodes & beyond: Postgraduate Study in UK/Ireland](#)

Wednesday, April 23, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/180931787>

#### [Zoom Webinar: Fulbright Information Session](#)

Thursday, April 23, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/311450506>

#### [Zoom Webinar: Fulbright Information Session](#)

Wednesday, April 29, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/582519003>

#### [Zoom Webinar: UK fellowships - Rhodes & beyond: Postgraduate Study in UK/Ireland](#)

Wednesday, April 29, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/698053636>

#### [Zoom Webinar: Writing Essays for National Fellowships Workshop](#)

Thursday, April 30, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Login: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/619592409>

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**May 1, 3:00pm EST** - [MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, & Graduate Students

**May 15** - [Einstein Fellowship](#) | National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates aged under 35

**May 31** - [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**June 1, Midnight GMT** - [Scotland's Saltire Scholarships](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates who are citizens of Canada, India, Japan, USA, Pakistan, or China

**June 12, 1pm EST** - [Global Rhodes](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Seniors & Recent Graduates who are not citizens of existing Rhodes Regions

**September 15** - [The German Chancellor Fellowship for tomorrow's leaders](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

## RESOURCES

Visit the [Fellowships Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

Search for Yale funding and campus information for external awards which require application through Yale on the [Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#)

[Make an appointment](#) directly from the website to meet with an adviser. **While Yale courses are operating in an online format, fellowship advising appointments will be conducted remotely via phone or video (Zoom or Skype).**

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**Yale Academic Strategies Program – We are now online!**

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>

<https://orgsync.com/162209/>

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Through peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

**All undergraduate support programs, including Academic Strategies, the Writing Center, and STEM tutoring will be available online. [Check our Poorvu Center Academic Continuity Web Page for more details and resources.](#)**

### **Get Connected!**

Hear the latest about Academic Strategies events and opportunities. Follow us on social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yaleacademicstrategies/> (@YaleAcademicStrategies)

Twitter: @AtAcademicYale

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/academicstrategies/?hl=en> (@academicstrategies)

### **Workshops**

Click on the date/time below to RSVP and access the Zoom link.

#### **Motivate Your Online Learning**

[Sunday, April 12, 3-4 pm Eastern Time](#)

[Thursday, April 16, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

It's hard to stay focused and on task while on your own. Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your academic work while learning online.

## **Organization and Time Management for Online Learning**

[Monday, April 13, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

[Tuesday, April 21, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

Learn mindsets and practical strategies for managing your online coursework and the demands of your off-line life. Stay connected with faculty and classmates and learn how to access Yale's academic resources online.

## **Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations – Remote Work Edition**

[Monday, April 13, 8-9 pm Eastern Time](#)

[Tuesday, April 28, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

Initiate conversations, ask for assistance, request recommendations, and build mentoring relationships with Yale faculty, teaching fellows and staff. Advice on how to do all of this remotely and for remote work opportunities!

## **Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis (for juniors)**

[Tuesday, April 14, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

[Wednesday, April 29, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research for next year's senior thesis, and how to access support resources for your senior project.

## **Public Speaking for Undergraduates**

[Wednesday, April 15, 7:30-8:30 pm Eastern Time](#)

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

## **Strategies for Online Exams – Finals Edition**

[Monday, April 20, 4-5 pm Eastern Time](#)

Taking exams in an online environment introduces new challenges. Learn how to best prepare for these challenges in this interactive workshop.

## **1-1 Mentoring**

Meet with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#)! They will help you work through the challenges of online learning, develop a study plan, and create a plan for getting through to the end of the semester.

[Students can sign up for meetings at the following days/times \(Eastern Time\):](#)

Sundays-Thursdays: 3-10 pm

Fridays: 12-2 pm & 3-5 pm

Email us at [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu) for additional times to accommodate students in international time zones.

## **Peer mentoring groups:**

We recognize that being in a new learning environment may be stressful for a variety of reasons. To help, we are offering small peer mentorship groups to every class year with the option to request grouping by major area and other considerations (FGLI, international student, etc.). Consisting of 5



students and one Academic Strategies mentor, these small groups are meant to help provide community, help you work through various challenges, and create another outlet for connection and resource sharing. If you would like to join one of these groups, please fill out the following Google Form: [Academic Strategies Online Peer Mentoring Groups](#).

### **Support for Students with Learning Differences and Disabilities**

Students with disabilities and learning differences who need advice on adapting to the online format can contact our professional staff member, Sarah Cussler ([sarah.cussler@yale.edu](mailto:sarah.cussler@yale.edu)).

**The Community Initiative:** Empowering first-generation and low-income students at Yale  
A partnership between the Yale College Dean's Office and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: <https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu>

### FGLI Emotional Wellness Peer Support Group

Please join our in-house AACC emotional wellness consultant, Dr. Eunice Yuen, for the COVID-19 peer support group series. This is a special space to support other fellow students and to share experiences related to COVID-19. To nurture more meaningful discussion, each group features specific themes and is limited to 6 participants. The event does not substitute any form of mental health treatment or therapy. Sign up with this link: <https://forms.gle/xcuXY1deQLwkyNtK6>.

### Virtual Office Hours

In an effort to stay as connected with students during the following weeks, Jorge Anaya, the Woodbridge Fellow to the YCDO & Poorvu Center and Coordinator of the Community Initiative, will have office hours from 1-3pm Monday-Friday that will be open to all students. This is an opportunity to discuss anything that is on your mind or ask any questions you may have in general. No prior interactions are necessary, all are welcome! To reserve a slot, please sign up via this [Calendly link](#).

### Yale College Writing Center

All Writing Center services will continue to operate remotely through the end of the term. Our tutors remain eager to work with you at any point in the writing process to discuss any piece of writing you're working on—including writing that isn't for a class.

The Residential College Writing Tutors will work via email and Zoom. Sign up the way you always have, and a confirmation email will explain how to access your Tutor at the time of your appointment.

The Writing Partners' availability remains similar to their on-campus schedule (Eastern Time):

Sun-Thu: 2:30-4:45pm & 7:00-10:00pm

Fri: 10:00am-12:15pm & 2:30-4:45pm

Sat: 2:30-4:45pm

Instead of a drop-in service, Writing Partners will be available by appointment. When you schedule an appointment, a confirmation email will explain how to work with your tutor remotely.

Turnitin Tutoring will work via Zoom. The sign up process remains the same, and a confirmation email will explain how to upload your paper to Turnitin and where to meet your tutor at the time of your session.

These services offer an opportunity to maintain some of the academic structure of campus life as you attend classes and complete coursework from home. We hope you'll take advantage of them.

### **STEM Resources**

Resources for Summer: <https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu>

[2020 Summer Online Research Experience for Student Fellowship Applicants](#)

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that ALL in person summer research activities funded by Yale College have now been cancelled, the SC/QR Yale College Dean's Office (YCDO) will offer the opportunity to participate in an 8-weeks long (June 1 to July 31) online research experience. Click link above for details

### *Tutoring*

ULAs and Course-Based-Peer-Tutors will continue to support most STEM courses in which they are assigned. Watch out for information from your specific course instructor on how to access that help, which will often be via Zoom meetings during scheduled office hours.

### **Yale Libraries**

Find this information on **how to access library services and resources online:**

<https://guides.library.yale.edu/RemoteLibraryServices>.

### **Do you have questions about using the library remotely?**

Contact your Personal Librarian ([library.yale.edu/pl](http://library.yale.edu/pl)) or Subject Specialist Librarian ([library.yale.edu/subject-specialists](http://library.yale.edu/subject-specialists)), and visit Ask Yale Library ([ask.library.yale.edu](http://ask.library.yale.edu)) for FAQ as well as chat and email services.

### **Level Up Your Research Papers (online workshop)**

**Monday, April 13 | 4 - 4:30 PM EST | Zoom**

Meet with a librarian online for 30-minutes to learn how to discover, organize, & cite research for your papers more efficiently. This workshop is for students at any phase in the research process, and precise topics of each session will be driven by student need.

Register at [schedule.yale.edu/event/6642260](http://schedule.yale.edu/event/6642260)

### **30 Minutes to a Better Selfie (online workshop)**

**Tuesday, April 14 | 11 - 11:30 EST | Zoom**

Get tips on how to create better photos, followed by a discussion on where your images go once they're published online. This session is great for anyone interested in technology, photography, and copyright/law, or for anyone preparing a poster presentation or publication.

Register at: [schedule.yale.edu/event/6629508](http://schedule.yale.edu/event/6629508)

### **30 Minutes to a Better Bibliography (online workshop)**

**Wednesday, April 15 | 1 - 1:30 PM EST | Zoom**

Meet with a librarian online to learn how to cite resources in your research papers more accurately and efficiently. Topics include: how to find citations for online resources, how to create a bibliography using a citation manager, how to use different citation styles, and more.

Register at [schedule.yale.edu/event/6241212](https://schedule.yale.edu/event/6241212)

**I am a Librarian at Yale University: Ask Me Anything! (online workshop)**

**Thursday, April 16 | 1 - 3 PM EST | Zoom**

Do you need to find an online book or a scholarly article, or do you need help formulating a research question for a literature review? Librarians can help! Drop-in and ask a librarian your most pressing library or research-related question.

Register at: [schedule.yale.edu/event/6241240](https://schedule.yale.edu/event/6241240)

**Latte with a Librarian: Arts Edition (online workshop)**

**Friday, April 17 | 11 - 11:30 EST | Zoom**

During this arts edition of our popular drop-in research sessions, meet with librarians from Haas Arts Library. Ask questions about art, digital collections, architecture, zines, and more! Bring your own coffee and we'll supply the Zoom room.

Register at: [schedule.yale.edu/event/6629503](https://schedule.yale.edu/event/6629503)

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