



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– September 14, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

Sending particular support this week to those of you in Oregon and Northern California living under orange skies and thick air, or calling home to family there facing uncertainty and fear. Please keep in touch with me, with them, with friends to buoy you.

A reminder that today is the last day to request a leave of absence for the semester – the deadline to submit the form is 5:00pm Yale time, no exceptions. Be in touch straight away with any questions.

In sports news, the Denver Nuggets continue their historical run in the Bubble. If they beat the Clippers tomorrow, well you might hear some hollering up on the third floor of A. Gotta find your joy, people.

Finally, I got this picture in a political newsletter yesterday and was struck by the beauty of the image. Then I realized the cellist is a high school classmate: Wilhelmina Smith of the Salt Bay Chamberfest, a small non-profit performing arts organization in Maine, playing her cello by the sea. Pretty sweet.

*To most human beings, wind is an irritation. To most trees, wind is a song.*

— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

*Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple.*

— J.K. Rowling, [Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows](#)

-Dean Hill



# Tutoring

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn.

Her hours are Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only) and by appointment. 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/undergraduate-writing>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/stem-tutoring-programs/small-group-and-1-1-tutoring>

Language Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/LanguageTutoring>

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

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

## Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

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 hope to provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

### **Individual Consultations: Sundays through Thursdays, 7-9 pm ET and by request**

Our Academic Strategies Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and plan for your midterms. Make an appointment to meet 1-1 with a peer mentor through our [online scheduler](#). Students residing in Asia or Europe may find our Friday 5 am ET time slot helpful. Can't meet at these times? You can also request a mentor by emailing us at [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu).

### **Meet with our Learning Specialist**

Do you have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you approach your learning? Meet with our Learning Specialist, Sarah Cussler ([sarah.cussler@yale.edu](mailto:sarah.cussler@yale.edu)), to discuss strategies for adapting to the challenges of learning online and the different demands of college-level academic work. [And learn more about the resources available to students via Sarah's welcome video.](#)

### **Workshops**

Our famous workshop sessions will all be online this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links:

## *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.



## **Time Management**

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 4pm ET](#)

[Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Time management is key for lowering stress at Yale. Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

## **Fresh Start: Positive Change for Your Academic Life**

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Refresh your approaches to your academic work through a series of activities that identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the challenges of this semester.

## **Essentials for STEM: Exam Study Strategies**

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams

## **Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project**

[Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis. (For full-year and 1-semester senior thesis writers, and juniors planning for the following year.)

## **Supercharge Your Seminars & Lectures**

[Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 7:30 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Sept. 21 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn preparation, participation, note-taking, and review strategies to help you succeed in these two very different learning environments.

## **Get the Most Out of Your Language Classes**

[Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn the daily habits and mindsets that can help you succeed in learning a language at Yale.

## **Pathways for First-Years**

[Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 4:30 pm ET](#)

What do you really want to get out of your first year? This interactive workshop helps students identify goals and sources of satisfaction while avoiding common first year pitfalls.

## **Managing a Heavy Reading Load**

[Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

## **Reading Analytically for Social Science**

[Thursday, Sept. 17 @ 4 pm ET](#)

This interactive workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays.

## **Pathways for Sophomores**

[Thursday, Sept. 17 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Sophomore year offers new challenges: increased course loads, upper-level classes, and identifying a major. This interactive workshop helps students set goals and make long-term plans for the year.

## **Strategies for Reading Literature**

[Thursday, Sept. 17 @ 7:30 pm ET](#)

How do we read deeply and completely without running out of time? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

## **Pathways for Juniors**

[Monday, Sept. 21 @ 9 pm ET](#)

How do I orient myself and find mentors within the major? What timelines do I need to be aware of? We'll explore these questions together in this interactive workshop.

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## **CIPE**

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

Sponsored outbound international travel from the United States, including study abroad and fellowships, is suspended for Yale College students for the duration of the fall 2020 term. This decision is final for the fall term and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country.

## **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 CIPE on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep informed

## **STUDY ABROAD**

### **APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**October 15** – [Credit for Spring 2021 Term Abroad](#) Application Deadline\*

\* Students' health and safety abroad is our top priority, and we aim to partner with students to make well-informed decisions about studying abroad. At this time, we cannot guarantee that spring study abroad will be possible, but we are allowing students to move forward with the application process. Students considering a Spring 2021 abroad option should visit our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates Page](#) for guidance.

## RESOURCES

View the [Study Abroad Virtual Academic Fair 2020](#) presentation to learn more about the variety of credit bearing international experiences available during the academic year and summer.

Search the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.

Browse the [website](#) and explore possible [program options](#).

[Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#): Remote appointments are available and conducted via Zoom.

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

### EVENTS

#### [Light Fellowships Information Session 2 of 6](#)

Wednesday, September 16, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/s/98856695470>

#### [Oxford/Cambridge Funding Information Session](#)

Thursday, September 17, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/92859587382>

#### [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships Information Session 1 of 4](#)

Thursday, September 17, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/93629042308>

#### [Goldwater Scholarship Information Session + Q&A with Recent Winners](#)

Tuesday, September 22, 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/95282135436?from=msft>

## APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**September 22, 1pm ET - [Luce Scholars Program](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

**September 22, 11:59pm ET - [Schwarzman Scholars Program](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

**September 30, 1pm ET - [Richard U. Light Fellowship Early Fall Competition Deadline](#)** | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

**October 2, 1pm ET - [Churchill Scholarship](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 13, 5pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants National Deadline](#)** | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 14 - [Gates Cambridge](#)** Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 14, 1pm PT - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 14, 11:59pm ET - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 19-22 (depending on field), 5pm local time - [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & First-year Graduate Students

**October 21, 11:59pm ET - [Pickering Graduate Fellowship Program](#)** National Deadline

| Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 21, 1:00pm ET - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**October 23 - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**October 29, 2:00pm ET - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

**November 11, 1:00pm ET - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**November 11, 1:00pm ET - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

**November 12, 1:00pm ET - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

## RESOURCES

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

Review recently recorded workshops and info sessions in our [Webinar Series](#).

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

Explore the filterable list of [External Awards for Yale Students](#)

[Contact Fellowships](#) with questions or comments.

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser directly from the fellowships website.

## [YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Summer's over. Start thinking about summer! In Yale Summer Session, focus on difficult classes, try out a new subject, or ease your course load in future semesters. With over 200 courses in New Haven, Online, and Abroad from a range of disciplinary fields, every Yale College student can find a course that meets their needs and helps them succeed.

Summer 2021 course offerings will be posted in early 2021. [Sign up for email updates](#) from Yale Summer Session so you hear first when classes are posted. Reach out to [summer.session@yale.edu](mailto:summer.session@yale.edu) with any questions.

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

[@YaleSummerSession](#)



## OCS

### EVENTS

**Designing Your Career @ Yale Programs:** Learn to apply design thinking tools and ideas to: explore your possible career futures, take proactive steps to test your career interests, moving from contemplation to action, and become a part of a growing community of life designers. Design thinking can help you create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling, regardless of background and identity, or what your interests might be. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

- **Acceptance and Life Vision Creation, Wednesday, September 25, 10:30am-12:30pm.** Learn more about the “Acceptance and Life Vision Creation” module and apply in [Yale Career Link by Wednesday, September 16, 11:59pm](#).
- **Unlock the Power of Brainstorming, Wednesday, October 7, 3-5pm.** Learn more about the “Unlock the Power of Brainstorming” module and apply in [Yale Career Link by Wednesday, September 16 at 11:59pm](#).

**Eight Virtual Industry-Specific Career Fairs/Networking Events during Fall 2020:** For the list of employers attending and to sign up, visit [Yale Career Link](#) (under Events-Career Fairs/Networking Events). A video with a quick tour of what to expect when you attend a virtual networking event can be found with each event listing. Steps for how to successfully navigate these events can be found under the Career Library, Resources tab of [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity. **For easier access don't forget to download the Symplicity App now called “Symplicity Jobs and Careers”!**

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check out [Preferred Yale Partners](#) positions in Yale Career Link. These opportunities include full-time positions and internships posted by Yale alumni and other affiliates.

### RESOURCES

**Fall 2020 OCS FAQs:** Throughout Fall 2020 the Office of Career Strategy is open and completely operational; however all staff will be working remotely.

**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.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to sign up. For easier access don't forget to download the Symplicity App now called “Symplicity Jobs and Careers”!

## Apply to the BA-BS/MPH Program

Yale College students interested in the five year BA-BS/ MPH program apply for admission in the fall semester of their junior year. The next round of admissions - for students in the Yale College Class of 2022 - is scheduled for the fall 2020 semester. The application period opens on October 1, 2020 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2020. A committee of faculty from the School of Public Health will review the applications, and will select a group of candidates to be interviewed. Interviews will be held in late November or early December. Applicants will be notified of decisions prior to winter break.

### BABS Information Session (Virtual)

Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 PM

[Register here](#)

Join Mary Keefe, Director of Admissions to learn more about the Yale College BABS/MPH degree program and the application process.

A completed application consists of the following:

- Applications are submitted through the schools of public health application service, [SOPHAS Express](#).
- Course History from your Degree Audit
- SAT Scores
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation – at least one recommendation must come from a Yale College course instructor.
- Residential College Dean's approval form