



Franklinites:

Welcome back to the neighborhood! I hope you had some time to rest, eat, do beauty masks, sports, argue civilly with family, take in culture, maybe carve out new "family" traditions here and elsewhere. The girls and I had a cozy time up in Vermont with my sister and niece and nephew. We all saw "Wonder," which is possibly the most moving coming of age movie I've seen. Highly recommend.

My favorite encapsulation of family reunion:

"It never takes longer than a few minutes, when they get together, for everyone to revert to the state of nature, like a party marooned by a shipwreck. That's what a family is. Also the storm at sea, the ship, and the unknown shore. And the hats and the whiskey stills that you make out of bamboo and coconuts. And the fire that you light to keep away the beasts."

— Michael Chabon, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*

Courage these last *two weeks* of classes. We are here to sustain you. Drop in this week!

Dean Hill

Dean's drop-in hours
this week:

Thursday, November 30th

2-3:30 PM

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov. 27: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Nov. 30: Last day to relinquish on-campus housing for the spring term without charge. See Undergraduate Regulations.

Dec. 1: Last day to convert from the credit/D/Fail option to a letter grade in a course offered in the second half of the term.

Dec. 8: Classes end, 5:30pm.; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the term.

Dec. 14: Reading period ends, 5 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7 p.m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec. 15: Application for 2018 Yale Faculty-led Programs Abroad opens.

Dec. 20: Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec. 21: Residences close, 12 noon.

Tutoring in BF!

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL. Hours are Tuesdays 12-2:30 p.m. (BF only!), Wednesdays 1-5 p.m. and Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

Resident QR Tutor

Xiaochuan Xing, graduate student in Economics - Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Sundays 7-9 p.m.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

[Writing Tutors](#)

[Writing Partners](#)

[Sc/QR Tutoring](#)

[Language Tutoring](#)

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

<http://ctl.yale.edu/AcademicStrategiesProgram>

Many applications for summer programs are due in late January and early February. Get a head start on summer with our **Imagining Your Summer**, **Planning Your Summer Research Project**, and **Cultivating Faculty Mentorship/Recommendations** workshops. If you are writing a senior thesis this spring, check out our new **Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis** workshop. If you can't make a workshop but would still like advice on one of these topics, make an appointment to meet 1-1 with a mentor: <https://ctl.yale.edu/ASP-IndividualConsults>

Questions? Contact academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Imagining Your Summer: Planning and Paying for Summer Opportunities (co-sponsored by CIPE and Financial Aid)

[Monday, November 27, 4:30 PM Room 120A, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St. \(across from Toad's\)](#)

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, November 27, 6:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, SML, 301 York St. \(Mezzanine\) RM M104A \(Across the street from Toad's Place\)](#)

Time Management

[Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 PM Silliman Seminar Room 415, Byers Hall, Silliman College](#)

Planning Your Summer Research Project Proposal (co-sponsored by CIPE)

[Tuesday, November 28, 4:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, SML, 301 York St. RM 120A \(Across the street from Toad's Place\)](#)

Exam Study Strategies

[Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 PM Branford, Mendell Room](#)

Time Management for Finals (co-sponsored by the Asian American Cultural Center)

[Thursday, November 30, 7:00 PM AACC Multipurpose Room, 295 Crown St.](#)

Creating a Timeline for your Senior Thesis (for seniors and juniors)

[Friday, December 1, 12:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, SML, 301 York St. RM 120A \(Across the street from Toad's Place\)](#)



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

WOOLSEY HALL

FOOD RECEPTION: 6 PM

DOORS OPEN: 6:45 PM

HUMS 411: LIFE WORTH LIVING COURSE

HUMS 411: Life Worth Living

This has been a popular course with undergraduates who have taken it, and it is consistently highly rated. Due to this demand, there is an application process for the course to ensure that there is a thoughtful and diverse mix of students in the seminar sections. That application link is here:

https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6yPu4MvScPdVTRX?Q

Yale Degree Audit

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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.