



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes - October 16, 2017

Dear Franklinites,

The fall break is almost upon us, and well deserved at that! If you're sticking around town to read and recoup, may I suggest a daytrip. If you're new to the east coast, hop a Metro North commuter train from Union Station to NYC for the day. Less than two hours each way, not expensive and you'll get a burst of urban energy. If you're more interested in beauty of a rural kind, take a bus up to my hometown—Amherst, Mass. Uber between Amherst and Northampton, both bucolic college towns with cafes and classic autumn foliage. Home to Amherst College, Smith, Mt Holyoke, Hampshire and UMass. Hike the Notch trail, see the cows at Flayvors Cookie Farm, wander through the home where Emily Dickinson spent her entire life.

The Dean's Office will be closed Wednesday-Friday as we practice what we preach. You can always email jessie.hill@yale.edu if something crops up.

Rest, rinse, repeat.

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FroCo Hopewell's
Guide to [Job Ops](#)

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/ORTutoring](#)

[Language Tutoring](#)



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Oct. 16th: Classes begin for courses offered in the second half of the term.

Oct. 17th: October recess begins, 11 p.m.

Oct. 23rd: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Oct. 27th: Midterm.

- Last day to withdraw from a full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript. See [Withdrawal from Courses](#) and [Grades](#).
- Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course. See Special Arrangements.
- Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-quarter of the term's tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*

Nov. 10th: Last day to convert from the Credit/D/Fail option to a letter grade in a full-term course. See [Grades](#).

- Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second half of the term without the course appearing on the transcript. See [Withdrawal from Courses](#) and [Grades](#).

Nov. 18th: November Recess begins, 9 p.m.

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

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

Dec. 1st: 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.

Yale's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will host Teaching and Learning Lunches in October:

James Van Rhee, Associate Professor of General Internal Medicine and Program Director of Yale's Physician Assistant Online Program, will host a lunch at the CTL on [Tuesday, October 17 from noon - 1p.m.](#) Van Rhee will discuss "Teaching Online in a Blended Curriculum." Please [register in advance with your NetID.](#)

Michael Kane, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, will host a lunch at the CTL on [Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from noon - 1 p.m.](#) Kane will discuss "Challenges and Strategies for Scaling Class Size." Please [register in advance with your NetID.](#)

All programs will take place at the CTL, located in Sterling Memorial Library, 301 York Street, Room 120A.

Seeking Applications for Head of Summer Colleges for Yale Summer Session

The Summer HoC works in partnership with the Dean of Yale Summer Session, with the YSS administrative staff, and with Yale Conference & Events, to manage the Summer Colleges for ten weeks each summer. These duties include creating community, supervising the residential staff, managing the residential college budget, and maintaining the physical condition of the summer colleges.

You need to be available for consultation during staff hiring in the spring semester, and you must be on campus during Summer Session. Next year, YSS counselors will arrive on May 23 and will stay through August 5. (YSS classes begin on May 28 and end on August 3). It is our hope that the Summer Head will serve for three or more years.

If you are interested in the position, please send [Dean Follansbee](#) an email telling me of your interest, along with your cv, by Wednesday, October 25th.

[Summer HoC Job Description](#)

Franklinites '19 and '20,

As you progress through your "middle years" at Yale, you may be encountering important choices about your path ahead, both here and in the wider world. These are complicated decisions! A group of people who have recently been in your position are the College's graduate and professional school affiliates. They have interesting stories to tell, and they'd like to meet some of the undergrads. So, we are setting up two dinners that will serve as mingling events for sophomores, juniors and affiliates -- those will take place on the evenings of **Monday October 16** and **Tuesday October 24** at 6pm in the fellows' lounge.

We'll circulate a list of who the affiliates are, where they came from and what they are doing before the meetings, but for right now, please [sign up](#) if you would like to attend!

Town Hall discussion on Science and Society— Save the Date

Save the date: October 30, 4:00, SSS 114

“**The American University in the Twenty-First Century**” is a year-long series of Town Hall meetings for Yale students, faculty, and administrators to discuss the challenges in higher education, as the relationship between the university and the broader society has changed over the last generation.

—The social contract has eroded: college education is seen as a private asset rather than a public good, pitting taxpayers against students, while more and more citizens question the value of a college degree.

—The political economy of the American university has shifted, radically altering the funding models for research and the production of knowledge.

—The university as an institution faces a rising politics of anti-elitism, privatization, and austerity.

—A gulf has widened between the academy and the public. Empiricism and knowledge come under attack, threatening epistemological crisis and a “post-factual” order.

In this Town Hall series, panelists will put recent developments in historical perspective, bringing the challenges into focus and providing a basis for collective problem-solving and action.

The first session on **October 30, 4:00, in SSS 114**, will be devoted to “**Scientific Knowledge in the Public Sphere.**” What are the current challenges to science education? How can scientific knowledge be reintroduced in our public policy debates? What is the future of scientific research, as funding models shift in response to budgetary concerns? What can scholars and universities do to reverse the anti-science trends in the culture at large?

More details to follow; save the date, and please join us on October 30.

Sponsored by the FAS Senate in conjunction with Yale College, the Graduate School, and the FAS Dean.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

Yale Summer Session New Haven offers more than 200 courses in the humanities, social sciences, STEM, and the arts for full Yale credit. Not going to be in New Haven? Take an online course for credit. Lighten your term time load or explore something new by taking a summer course! Financial Assistance available.

Dates: • Session A (May 28 to June 29, 2018)

Session B (July 2 to August 3, 2018)

Yale Summer Session

New Haven • Online • [Abroadsummer.yale.edu](http://abroadsummer.yale.edu)

STUDY ABROAD

Upcoming Events

Financial Aid Information Session for Spring 2018 Study Abroad Students

Tuesday, October 17, 4:00 – 5:00pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

Join Nicole DePaola, from Yale's Student Financial Services (SFS), for the final information session for spring semester study abroad students to learn about the financial aid transfer process. [Learn more here](#)

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

Drop-In Hours

Drop-in hours are held every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. when class is in session.** Advisers are available to answer quick questions during drop-in hours. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of 15 minutes each. No appointment necessary.

CIPE is seeking Spring 2018
Y-VISP Peer Liaisons!

The Yale Visiting International Program (Y-VISP) is seeking exceptional juniors and seniors to be Peer Liaisons for the Spring 2018 semester, supporting visiting students from Yale NUS College and Ashoka University. For more information about the role, the program, and to apply, please visit:

<http://yvisp.yale.edu/living-yale/y-visp-peer-liasons>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Katie Bell (Y-VISP Program Director) or Maya Polan (Program Coordinator).

Deadline to apply: Friday, October 20, 2017

GLOBAL HEALTH

Global Health Scholars

Application Deadline: Friday, November 3 by 1pm

Interested in understanding and addressing current global health challenges?

[Apply](#) to become a [Global Health Scholar](#). Questions to

[OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY](#)

Drop-in Hours Suspended During Fall Break (October 18-20)

Please note drop-in hours are held only when classes are in session. Students can still make individual appointments during this time through [Yale Career Link](#). Drop-ins will resume on Monday, October 23.

Request an Office of Career Strategy Workshop for your Student Organization

[Please review our website to request a workshop.](#)

Want a chance to win a gift card to Blue State, Atticus, Ashley's, and more?

Follow the Office of Career Strategy on Instagram @yalecareerstrategy and like the promotional event photo to enter the raffle. Entries will be accepted until Friday, October 20 at 5pm, and winners will be announced the following week. Also, follow our [Facebook page](#) to stay updated with the OCS.

Lisbon Abroad, Internship Program Information Session

Wednesday, October 25, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Office of Career Strategy

[RSVP](#)

Creating Your Career and Life Vision

Saturday, November 11, 12:00pm-3:30pm

Career and Life Vision (CLV) will give you insights about yourself and achieving a more meaningful career and life. CLV uses a conceptual foundation, introspection, and group exercises. Since launching 4 years ago, CLV has drawn thousands of Ivy League students and alumni.

[Register](#)-Space is limited.

Humanities in Action–Career Workshops

Sunday, November 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm, Whitney Humanities Center

Join us for food and insights from alums in medical, nursing, and/or public health careers that began with Yale degrees in the humanities.

[Register](#)

The Art of Public Speaking–Skill-Based Workshop

Friday, December 1, 1:00pm-3:30pm

Join Yale Drama grad, stand-up comic, producer, and college public speaking professor Robert Russell. Be prepared to volunteer for a 2-minute presentation on whatever moves you.

[Register](#)

Resource of the Week

Ready to explore your career interests, but don't know where to start? Use the [Office of Career Strategy Workbook](#). This is an all-inclusive guide with worksheets and rubrics to help you begin understanding your interests and how they relate to a career path, and provides guides to ensure your job application material is up-to-date.

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

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events

Info Session: Fellowships 101

Tuesday, October 17, 3:00 - 4:00pm **AND** Monday, October 23, 4:00 - 5:00pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

Learn about fellowships to support research, independent projects, and purposeful activities next summer and beyond. Find out what you need to start thinking about and acting upon now.

Summer Fellowships Showcase

Friday, October 27, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Branford College, Common Room

Hear student panelists share their summer experiences in conducting research, independent projects, and internships abroad and in the U.S. Learn how to plan your experience and make it happen with the support of CIPE, Global Health, and other fellowships.

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Upcoming Deadlines

October 23 - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship](#) *Newly Extended Campus Deadline*

October 23 - [The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#) National Deadline

October 27 - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline

November 1 - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#) National Deadline.

November 8 – [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline

November 17 – [Saint Andrew's Graduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline

November 28 – [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline

November 29 – [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline

Fellowship Newsletter

Competitions for funding to support purposeful summer activities take place in the spring. Sign up for the [Fellowships Newsletter](#) for information about upcoming workshops, opportunities, and deadlines.

Drop-In Hours

Drop-in hours are every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. when class is in session.** The entire fellowships team is on hand to answer your quick questions. No appointment is necessary!

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

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

Like you, Academic Strategies is taking a break next week. Join us again after October break for these amazing workshops!

Questions? Contact academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, October 23, 6:00 PM, Afro-American Cultural Center \(Co-sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center Peer Liaisons\)](#)

[Thursday, October 26, 7:30 PM, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. \(Sterling Library/across from Toads\), M104A](#)

Fresh Start - Midsemester edition

[Monday, October 23, 7:30 PM, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. \(Sterling Library/across from Toads\), M104A](#)

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Tuesday, October 24, 6:00 PM, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. \(Sterling Library/across from Toads\), M104A](#)

Time Management

[Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 PM, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. \(Sterling Library/across from Toads\), M104A](#)

Pathways for First years

[Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 PM, Ezra Stiles Fellows Lounge](#)

Exam Study Strategies for Student Athletes

[Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 PM, Varsity Room, Ray Tompkins House](#)

Succeeding in Lectures/Notetaking

[Thursday, October 26, 6:00 PM, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. \(Sterling Library/across from Toads\), M104A](#)

Credit/D/Fail conversion deadline: November 10

1. Log into Student Information Systems (SIS).
2. On the Course Enrollment tab, click “Yale College Change Course from Credit/D/Fail to Letter Grade.”
3. Change the drop-down selection from “Credit/D/Fail” to “YC – Letter Grade.”
4. Click “Submit Changes” to save the conversion.
5. Check SIS to verify the update, and save the confirmation message sent to your University email account.

You may convert a course from Credit/D/Fail to a letter grade but not vice versa. If you have questions about Credit/D/Fail, please contact Michelle in the Benjamin Franklin Dean's Office.

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.

