



#### TEN TOWNS SERVED:

Acton  
Bedford  
Carlisle  
Concord  
Lincoln  
Littleton  
Maynard  
Stow  
Sudbury  
Wayland

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## HARVARD CLUB IN CONCORD

### Annual Meeting and Dinner Presentation

June 15, 2017 . Middlesex School

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### THE GLOBAL HONEYBEE DISAPPEARANCE:

The Role of Honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) in Understanding the Toxicity of Sub-lethal Pesticide Exposure in Humans

By **Professor Chensheng (Alex) Lu, PhD**

*Associate Professor of Environmental Exposure Biology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*



The disappearance of massive numbers of honeybees worldwide has raised the concern of losing the important pollinators and the implication on our food supplies. In this presentation, Professor Lu will discuss the onset of honeybee losses in 2006, the scientific evidence of its link to a popular group of insecticides, the global public policy implementation to address this ecological crisis, and its link to human health.

Professor Lu is an Ad hoc panel member, US EPA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (2004-present); Associate editor, *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology* (2006-present); Associate editor, *Environmental Health Perspectives* (2008-present).

Professor Lu is collaborating extensively with scientists/researchers in several research projects including: 1) children's residential pesticide exposures with Boston Housing Authority and the Committee for Boston Public Housing, 2) dietary pesticide exposures with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regional labs, 3) biomarkers of pesticide exposure and health effects with Agricultural Health Study, and 4) honeybee colonies collapsing disorder (CCD) with Harvard Center for the Environment.

**The Dinner will be held at the Middlesex School in Concord on Thursday, June 15th.** Beverages and appetizers will be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious buffet at 7:15 pm. Dinner is \$55/per person. Students \$25.

To help us plan for the evening, **please RSVP by June 1st to Robin Tapper** using the enclosed dinner reservation/membership form. Or go to our website **[www.harvardclubconcord.org](http://www.harvardclubconcord.org)** and you will be able to register and pay online, or print out the registration form.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

**THE HARVARD-RADCLIFFE COLLEGIUM MUSICUM:** A lovely dinner at *Legal Sea Foods* in Harvard Square, a pre-concert talk by **Dr. Ellen Exner** at Sanders Theatre, followed by Harvard's premiere mixed concert choir's amazing performance of one of the greatest choral masterworks of all time, **J.S. Bach's *Mass in B Minor***. Thanks to **Jody Sabia Pongratz**, Collegium 1978-1982, for organizing this event.



**GLOBAL NETWORKING NIGHT:** For the first time, our Club hosted our own **Harvard Global Networking Night**, and we were thrilled with the results. We had a great turnout! With our own private room at *Bullfinch's Restaurant* in Sudbury, it was easy to chat and meet a lot of people in a short amount of time. We hosted a second event in January and again a lot of people made some nice connections. Thanks to **Eric Solowey** for coordinating both of these nights.

#### HCC AT THE HASTYPUDDING:

Another fun night at the Pudding! Forty of us began our evening at *Spice Thai Cuisine* with a delicious meal, and then walked next door to see the very funny, silly and clever **Hasty Pudding's 169th Production**:

### Casino Evil 🤪



**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Once again **Phil Schneider** helped organize walkers in **Project Bread's Walk for Hunger**. This year, more than 300 local programs in more than 100 Massachusetts communities will be supported through money raised by walkers. A worthwhile and wonderful family event!



Phil with his grandchildren Nori, Emi, Jed, Jake and Sarah

**INTERVIEWING FOR HARVARD ADMISSIONS:** One of the important functions of our Club is to provide alumni interviews for the College. It's a pleasure to meet talented and accomplished high school students while helping the Admissions Committee gain more insight into these applicants. Many thanks to **Gabrielle Savage Dockterman**, who coordinates the Club's interviews, as well as to **Jennifer Hurwitz**, who coordinates the student interviews in Bedford. And many thanks and appreciation to **all our volunteer interviewers**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** This year we will be organizing a **Concord River dinner cruise**. It's a first for us, and sounds like it should be a great event. Thanks to **Diana Brigham Beaudoin** for working on this. We will be sponsoring another **Harvard Global Networking Night** in June and, of course, we look forward to seeing everyone at the **Annual Dinner** on June 15th. Thanks to **Rajani LaRocca**, Annual Dinner Chair.

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:** We are delighted to report that **Katherine Wang** from Wayland, a sophomore at the College, was the recipient of our **Summer Community Service Fellowship**. Katherine spent the summer in Buenos Aires, Argentina, interning with an organization that provides training, financing and mentorship to young, disadvantaged entrepreneurs throughout Argentina. You can read more about her internship on our website.



Katherine Wang (right) and fellow Harvard intern with their advisor from Fundacion Impulsar



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

**Robin Tapper**

We hope that through active participation in our Club, your connections to Harvard will deepen, and your connections to the alumni community will expand and be enriching. We are a community of people with all sorts of degrees and backgrounds, many interests and opinions, a wealth of talent, and much good will.



We want to make Harvard more accessible: organizing trips to concerts at Sanders Theatre and outings to the Hasty Pudding, bringing Harvard to Concord at our Annual Dinner by inviting a Harvard Professor to lecture on a fascinating topic, and coordinating local events where people can enjoy each other's company in a more relaxed setting. This year we introduced a new event: Global Networking Night (a success by all accounts!) and in late spring we are planning another new activity: a lovely dinner cruise in Concord. Also important to us is strengthening our connection to Harvard students. By providing interviews, hosting gatherings for the new students and their parents, and awarding summer fellowships for community service, we deepen our connection to the undergraduate community.

As always, we are looking for new ideas and activities that will engage and enrich our membership base. We welcome and value your participation, suggestions, and feedback.

With warm regards,

Robin Tapper



We were saddened recently to learn of **Tom Curtin's** death. Tom was President of the Harvard Club in Concord for seven years, managed our alumni interviewing for many years, and was an interviewer for the Club for over thirty years. The Harvard Alumni Association awarded him the Outstanding Club Contribution Award, and the Harvard College Admissions Office awarded him the Hiram Hunn Schools and Scholarship award.

It is with deep appreciation and much gratitude that we recognize Tom's leadership, dedication and service to the Harvard Club in Concord.

## ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS 2017-18:

**President: Robin Tapper**

Wayland, MA

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**Gabrielle Savage Dockterman**

Carlisle, MA

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**Chair: Alfred Yen**

Concord, MA

Nominations may be made from the floor if the proposed candidate has agreed to be nominated and the President is informed at the start of the meeting.

## SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Submitted by Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, V.P. for Schools & Scholarships



Harvard College admitted 2,056 students to the Class of 2021, from yet another record applicant pool of 39,506, up slightly (just 1%) from last year. Of those admitted, 938 were admitted early (45.6%). This was Harvard's lowest ever admission rate, but just barely – it decreased very slightly to 5.2% (from 5.22% last year). Harvard again leads the Ivy League in its lowest acceptance rate, followed this year by second place Columbia (5.8%), Princeton (6.1%), and Yale (6.9%). MIT accepted 7.1%.

The admission rate for our Club's area was 6.1%. Of our towns' 132 applicants, 8 were admitted in total, including 5 who were admitted early-action.

In the U.S., international applications were expected to be down this year due to President Trump's controversial travel ban, but Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William R. Fitzsimmons '67 did not see an impact at Harvard. International students comprise 11.4% of the admitted class.

Of the accepted students, nearly half, 49.2% (up from 48.4%), are women and 15.1% (up from 15%) are first-generation (the first person in their families to attend a four-year college). Of our Club's admitted students, half are women.

### STUDENTS FROM OUR REGION OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2021:

**Acton-Boxborough Regional High School:** Jessica J. Zhang

**Concord Academy:** Zachary Blair Yedidia

**Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School:** Andrew James LaScaleia, Samuel James (Sam) Ryan

**Middlesex School:** Sage Mackay Nye, Kiara Isabel Wahnschafft

**Wayland High School:** Graham Corsie Macklin, Emily Wang

The undergraduate term bill – including tuition, room, board, and fees – will exceed \$65,000 for the first time at \$65,609, a mere one year after breaking the \$60,000 threshold.

### THE NUMBERS BELOW REPRESENT THE CLASS OF 2021 (AND '20, '19, '18, '17, '16, '15, '14):

School	Applied	Accepted	Wait-listed
Acton-Boxborough	29 (37,22,32,24,33,16,22)	1 (1,1,3,2,4,3,2)	3 (2,5,3,6,7,3,2)
Bedford*	13 (8,11,9,8,4,6)	0 (1,2,1,2,0,0)	1 (1,1,2,1,1,1)
Concord Academy	9 (7,6,13,6,14,12,6)	1 (1,0,1,1,2,2,0)	2 (2,1,4,3,3,1,1)
Concord-Carlisle	18 (19,14,26,18,18,25,23)	0 (3,1,1,1,2,4,3)	3 (3,2,5,3,1,3,4)
Home-schooled	2 (0,1,0,1,0,0,1)	0 (0,0,0,0,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,0,0,0,0,0)
Hudson	5 (6,3,1,2,5,2,5)	0 (0,0,0,0,0,1,0)	1 (1,0,0,0,1,0,1)
Lincoln-Sudbury	23 (24,21,17,18,17,16,17)	2 (0,4,5,3,0,1,2)	5 (4,3,2,4,3,1,7)
Littleton	1 (3,2,0,5,5,4,2)	0 (0,0,0,1,0,0,0)	0 (0,1,0,0,0,0,0)
Maynard	1 (2,1,0,1,2,0,1)	0 (0,0,0,1,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,0,0,1,0,0)
Middlesex	21 (17,13,14,20,23,18,18)	2 (3,2,2,3,5,2,3)	3 (5,3,1,4,8,2,4)
Wayland	9 (15,11,13,16,16,11,9)	2 (1,3,1,1,3,2,1)	2 (1,2,2,6,1,1,2)
Willow Hill School	1 (0)	0	0

### TERM BILL OVER TIME

#### Year – Threshold Passed

2017 – \$65,000

2016 – \$60,000

2011 – \$50,000

2006 – \$40,000

1998 – \$30,000

1991 – \$20,000

1982 – \$10,000

1972 – \$5,000

**TOTAL\*** 132 (132,94,116,111,133,104,104) 8 (9,11,12,13,16,15,11) 20 (18,17,17,26,25,11,21)

\*Bedford was not previously included in these figures, so the totals in previous years do not add up.

Admissions from the waitlist, if any, will be completed by the end of June.

Thanks to **Jennifer Hurwitz**, interview coordinator for Bedford High School, for contributing data from Bedford. (For some unknown historical reason, Bedford HS has its own interviewing system separate from our Club's.)

Many thanks to our **39 interviewers** who helped the Admissions Committee select the Class of 2021!

If anyone would like to become an interviewer, or resume interviewing after a hiatus, please email [gabrielle\\_savage\\_ab83@post.harvard.edu](mailto:gabrielle_savage_ab83@post.harvard.edu). Interviewers must hold a degree from the College or one of Harvard's graduate schools.