Thank you to everyone who attended our annual holiday party! We had a wonderful time and hope you did as well. We were so thrilled to see new faces and friends. We also want to thank everyone who brought a food donation for Y2Y, we are so excited to be able to give them several large bags of food for their shelter. If you were unable to bring food to the holiday party but would still like to donate we are extending the drive through Monday at 12 PM. Stop by Harvard Neighbors with a store bought, non-perishable food item. Donations will be sent to Y2Y on Monday afternoon. Some examples of food items to donate are peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned soups, pasta, rice, or crackers.

On Friday, December 4, the French Conversation Group watched Forever, a film about the Pere-Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Today, the group will discuss the film and their reactions to it.

Stay tuned in the upcoming newsletter for more information on the film and the French Conversation Group! If you are interested in the group please visit our website and navigate to French Conversation, under the interest groups tab.

English Conversation held their final meetings of the fall semester this week. They will begin to meet again in mid-January 2016. Look for an email from your group leader in early January about when your group will begin meeting again. Newcomers are welcome at English Conversation but pre-registration is required. Please email neighbors@harvard.edu for information on how to pre-register.

Harvard Neighbors will be closed beginning on Wednesday, December 23 for the winter holiday and will reopen Monday, January 4, 2016. Beginning in late December and continuing into January there will be some renovations on the first floor of Loeb House that may cause noise. If you have any questions or concerns about your group meeting during this time please email Harvard Neighbors.

Also coming up when we return in January is the return of the Spanish & Latin American Culture and film group, which meets every Thursday at 6, and the Japanese Conversation group which will meet in January on the 15th at 11:00 AM.

In February we are looking forward to a Harvard Neighbors Tea Tasting. See page two for details!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful holiday and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2016!
Undocumented Youth

Roberto Gonzales, sociologist and assistant professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education, has been working on a study of undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they come of age in the United States. Gonzales describes their situation as “stuck in one place, on the outside looking in.” More than two million illegal immigrants in the United States are undocumented youth, 65,000 of whom finish high school every year but may be unable to attend college due to their status as undocumented. Gonzales studied a group of 150 undocumented young adults from 2003 to 2015 and has written a book about the study, to be published this month. His book, *Lives in Limbo: Undocumented Coming of Age in America* is the largest and longest study of this population to date. Want to learn more? Find a link to the Gazette article by clicking here.

Boston First Night

Celebrate New Years in Boston on December 31, 2015 - January 1, 2016 with Boston’s First Night Celebration! First Night is free and open to all. Most entertainment and attractions will be focused in Copley Square and on the Boston Common. Ice sculptures, light displays, and art and musical performances will be among the festivities. Celebrations will begin at 12:00 PM on December 31 with an opening ceremony in Copley Square. There will be a fireworks show at 7:00 PM and again at 12:00 AM on the Boston Common. For a complete schedule of events and more information click here.

Tea Tasting

Join us at 5:30 PM on February 19 at Loeb House, 17 Quincy Street, for a Harvard Neighbors Tea Tasting. The tasting will be led by our very own tea connoisseur, Julia Cai. Julia will focus on Chinese tea which is typically brewed in a covered cup, called a gaiwan, rather than a teapot. Guests will sample five varieties of tea and can try their hand at brewing their own cup of tea in the gaiwan. Limit of 15 guests and free of charge! RSVP required. RSVP to neighbors@harvard.edu.

A Harvard Holiday

Even more holiday events are right around the corner here at Harvard. The first is the Fat Boutique Holiday Market. This holiday market is located at 267 Western Avenue, North Allston, by the Harvard Business School, and will continue through this weekend, ending December 20 at 5:00 PM. This holiday market has everything from food trucks and baked goods to alcohol and coffee. They also have book signings and events as well as wrapping for any gifts you buy.

Another Holiday Fair in the area is the Harvard Square Holiday Fair located at St. Pauls Church at 29 Mount Auburn Street. Weekdays the market is open from 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM, Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM and Sundays from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The Harvard Square Holiday Fair has over 25 vendors selling everything from jewelry to West African crafts. Visit here for more information.

Lastly, on December 24 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM is the Christmas Eve Mass at the Memorial Church in Harvard Yard. The service will celebrate the Christian holiday of Christmas with hymns and communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach. Singers are welcome to join the community choir for this service.