Welcome to Fall 2015, Neighbors! We would like to first say welcome to all our new members, and to the old, welcome back! The first day of class for all Harvard undergraduates was September 2nd so the semester is finally underway.

There have been several changes to our interest group leaders for the upcoming year. First, Lynn Trever has transitioned out of her role as the leader of the Infant & Toddler Playgroup. Thank you to Lynn for all her dedication to both Harvard Neighbors and the Infant and Toddler Playgroup. Your commitment and guidance has been much appreciated!

Charlotte Powell will take leadership of the Infant and Toddler Playgroup moving forward. Welcome to Charlotte and we truly appreciate your willingness to lead the group.

Another welcome goes out to the two new group leaders of the Spanish & Latin American Culture and Cinema Group. Karen Vanderwillik and Maria Parido Delgado will co lead the group. The group will meet every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The group will watch a film one week and then discuss the film the next week. If you are interested in joining the Spanish & Latin American Culture and Cinema Group please reach out to neighbors@harvard.edu or check for group meeting times by visiting here.

We have an exciting year of events already in the works with a Game Night, Out & About Tour, and the annual Kick Off event all right around the corner so don’t forget to check the website and website calendar regularly for more information. Feel free to email neighbors@harvard.edu with any other questions you might have.

What’s Coming up for Harvard Neighbors

Please remember to save the date for the Kick Off & Open House at the Cambridge Queen’s Head Pub on Monday, September 21 from 5:30—8 pm. Hearty fall fare will be served and the first drink is on us! At the Open House you will have the opportunity to get to know the different interest groups we have and meet interest group leaders as well as socialize with other Harvard Neighbors. You are encouraged to bring a friend or colleague who is not familiar with Harvard Neighbors as the Kick Off is a great way to meet fellow Harvard community members. There will also be a chance to win a raffle for a free meal at the Harvard Faculty Club!

Also coming up is a Game Night hosted by the After Hours group at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 29. Wine and snacks will be available. Please email neighbors@harvard.edu to let us know if you plan to attend!

Lastly, we are so excited to announce the return of longtime Neighbors member and interest group leader, Yayoi Witzel-Yoshida. Yayoi will revive the Japanese Conversation Group this fall. The group will meet once a month on Fridays. The first group meeting is Friday, September 25 from 11 AM—12:30 PM. Email neighbors@harvard.edu for more information.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of members of the Harvard community through cultural and educational programs and events.
Out & About Tour

The Out & About Group will host its first tour of the semester on Wednesday, September 30. The group will attend the Art and Architecture Tour at the Boston Public Library which highlights the celebrated art and architecture of the McKim Building. The McKim Building was constructed in 1895 and is a designated National Historic Landmark. The tour explores the work of architect Charles Follen McKim and murals by John Singer Sargent, Pierre Puvis de Chavannes and Edwin Austin Abbey.

The group will meet at Harvard Neighbors at 9:45 AM and take the subway to the library to meet the tour guide at 10:30 AM. The tour is an hour long and will be followed by an optional lunch. There will be a small fee of $5 for the tour and the maximum number of guests is 15 people. Please email neighbors@harvard.edu for more information and to RSVP.

English Conversation Registration Dates

If you are interested in joining English Conversation please attend one of the following registration sessions. All sessions will be held in the Harvard Neighbors space in the basement of Loeb House at 17 Quincy Street. Please note registration dates and times have changed.

- September 22 10 AM—12 PM
- September 23 2 PM—4PM
- September 25 12:30 PM—2:30 PM.

At these registration sessions you will meet the group leaders and complete a registration form.

Museum Highlights Tours Resume

The Museum Highlights Tours at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology will resume now that the student tour guides have returned for the fall semester. These tours are offered Fridays at 12:30 PM and Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 - 2 PM. The tours are 45 minutes each and free with admission. On these tours you will be able to view Native American Totem Poles, casts of Mayan monuments, changing exhibits, and more. Visitor thoughts and opinions are encouraged as is conversation amongst the tour group.

If you would like to attend a tour meet in the museum’s side lobby near the water fountain. Learn more.