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Thoughts from the President

Ron Goldser '75

The auction is still going!!!

Cynthia Stuck (B. Mus. 1952) has graciously offered to auction several Yale items in her possession---a Yale captain's chair and a Yale serving platter. Pictures of these items are below.

So here's the plan: send your bids to me via [email](#). I will occasionally inform you of the current highest bid. BUT!!!! The final bidding will take place IN PERSON at the annual summer outing and dinner at Woodhill Country Club on August 30. So you have to be present to win!!

Proceeds will be generously donated to support our YAANW activities.



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President: Ron Goldser, '75

Secretary: Rudy Hokanson, '74 M.Div., '81 MBA

Treasurer: Nick Johnson, '74

Upcoming Events

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Every Thursday, May through October:
FARMING!!!

Aug 14: **Richard Carter (YDS)**

Aug 14: **Camp Yale**

Aug 22: **Climate Change Panel (TCAN)**

Aug 25: **Mummies Tour (TCAN)**

Aug 26: **People Serving People**

Aug 30: **Summer outing**

Sept 6 **French Table**

Sept 8: **Salsa Dancing (TCAN)**

Sept 11: **Hmong Farm Fall Harvest Celebration**

Oct 2: **Jim Hackney (YDS)**

Oct. 22: **Habitat for Humanity**

Nov 30: Annual Financial Panel

May 23, 2017: **Dean Gregory Sterling from the Yale Divinity School**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Outing and Dinner

Aug 30 6:00 PM cocktails 7:00 PM dinner Woodhill Country Club

Time for our summer outing and dinner at Woodhill Country Club. Opportunity to play golf or tennis. Cocktails start at 6:00 pm.

Our featured guest is Yale Professor of Political Science Nuno Monteiro. Professor Monteiro is Research Fellow at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies. He is interested in international relations theory and security studies, with an emphasis on great-power politics, the politics of the nuclear age, the causes of war, military power, deterrence theory, political violence, and the philosophy of science. For more information, check his personal web page: <http://www.nunomonteiro.org/>

Golf: Beginning at 1:30 p.m. (Green fees circa \$115 per person). To set up your foursome, call David P. Crosby '62, Golf Chairman, (612) 920-8386 or david.p.crosby@pjc.com

Tennis: Beginning at 3:30 p.m. (Circa \$12). Call Edwin (Wint) Ritchie, Jr. '67, Tennis Chairman, (612) 720-7027 or winritchie@gmail.com

COCKTAILS: 6:00 p.m. (Cash bar)

DINNER: 7:00 p.m. (\$68 per person) (Recent Yale Graduates: '11-'16 \$15; '06-'10 \$35)

SINGING OLD YALE SONGS AROUND THE PIANO: Don Leavenworth, '52, on the piano

RSVP and questions to Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

Hmong American Farm Fall Harvest Celebration

September 11 4:00 pm

Come celebrate the fall harvest at HAFA: The HAFA Farm is located at 20385 Coates Blvd., Hastings, MN 55033 ([Google Map](#)). HAFA can use help setting up, running the event, and cleaning up. Or just come and celebrate!

The HAFA Open House is our annual fall harvest celebration. Here are the details about the event: <http://www.hmongfarmers.com/event/3rd-annual-hafa-farm-fest/>

The Hmong American Farmers Association, run by Pakou Hang (Yale '99), was formed in the fall of 2011, on the premise that family farming could be a way of the future for Hmong immigrant farmers, as well as a way of the past. Conceived of and governed by Hmong farmers themselves, HAFA is dedicated to advancing the prosperity of Hmong farmers through cooperative endeavors, capacity building and advocacy.

To volunteer, contact Hua Vang at hua@hmongfarmers.com

Habitat for Humanity

Oct 22

8:30-4:30

North Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. North Minneapolis homes are towards the middle of the builds, so the work will be very exciting—we can really watch progress being made. Check out all the work Habitat is doing in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis [here!](#)

Questions to Vicky Stoneman, Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org or Mark Capaldini, mark.capaldini@gmail.com

Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

May 23, 2017

TBD

Dean Gregory Sterling of the Yale Divinity School will be coming May 23, 2017 to speak to our Yale alumni and the larger community. Dean Sterling will come for an evening event that will be hosted by YAANW. Details are still being developed. Dean Sterling is highly regarded and is very involved in interfaith discussions domestically and around the world as well as issues as broad as faith and sustainability. We are very pleased we have received such a commitment so far in advance from the dean of one of Yale's oldest and most established professional schools. See <http://divinity.yale.edu/faculty-and-research/yds-faculty/gregory-e-sterling> and <https://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/3431/new-div-school-dean-is-a-preacher-scholar>.

REGULAR EVENTS

French Table

September 6

6:00 pm

Cave Vin, Minneapolis

When: September 6 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, Minneapolis)

NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME!! RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Young (and Young-at-Heart) Alumni: Camp Yale

August 14

4-7 pm

Hidden Harbor Marina

The team behind Feb Club Emeritus is starting a summer version, **Camp Yale**. YAANW's "camp" will be at **Hidden Harbor Marina** (388 9th Ave. West, St. Paul Park) on August 14 from 4-7 pm. We will provide pizza. Please bring a dessert or side to share, your preferred beverage, and picnic blankets/camp chairs.

RSVP to Denise Levitan at denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu

YAANW has a special focus on the needs and interests of young alumni in our territory. Whether this is simply social, networking, or about meeting other Yalies when you are new in town, we hope to reach out and connect with younger Yale grads (college or any professional school) and them with each other. Join the Twin Cities Alumni Network Young Alumni Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>. If you are interested in participating in another gathering or event, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Max Musicant, max.musicant@gmail.com or Denise Levitan, denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu.

People Serving People

August 27

11:30 am

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **August 27 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

PSP is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

TBD

Contact: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507.645.4327

The group typically meets at the creative fiber-crafts store of Yale alumna Cynthia Gilbertson, called Northfield Yarn, in Northfield, MN. Join other alumni and friends, experienced or otherwise, who share an interest in fiber-crafts. Interested persons are welcome at any time.

Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums

August 14 and October 2

The YDS Alumni Group will be meeting **Sunday August 14th** at Lund's ("tentative" until we secure the space) from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room. RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com.

Richard Carter ('81 STM) Professor/Teacher/Lecturer who is currently stationed in Hong Kong will add a global perspective from his experiences. "Hong Kong is a Graduate Course in New Testament Exegesis." He wrote me, "The more we learn of Christians here and their context, the more I am driven to study and to understand Acts and the Epistles." This should be a fascinating topic.

On **Sunday October 2**, we will be meeting with a special guest, Jim Hackney '79 MAR, Senior Director of Development for YDS. Jim is traveling here from New Haven to be with us and will discuss the details of the YDS Strategic Plan. He will tell us about the many exciting programs, faculty, merger with Andover Newton Seminary and resources of Yale Divinity School we can take advantage of and that today's students are benefiting from. There is much that is happening. While all of our meetings are meant to be rich in value, this is a special opportunity for those of us in YAANW to learn more about today's YDS.

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends and other Yale alums that have interest in YDS and the subjects we focus on. Any questions can be directed to [Rudy Hokanson](#).

Alumni Schools Committee

Congratulations to Tony Leung for his 25 years of service to the Alumni Schools Committee!!

Also, thanks to all the volunteers who interviewed hundreds of applications to Yale for the class of 2020. We have 17 students who have accepted offers of admission to Yale for that class. The competition for admission was, as always, very great. But this year, the competition to have students choose to matriculate to Yale after being admitted was even stiffer. Next year, not only will our interviewers need to sell the qualifications of the applicants to the admissions committee, but we will also have to sell the benefits of Yale to the students! This is a great opportunity for outstate, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin alumni to serve the Yale community!! Questions to Malcolm McDonald (St. Paul) malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, Tony Leung (Mpls.) TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov, or Jon Tilburt (Rochester) Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu

Yale Book Award

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior for the Yale Book Award. The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. This year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person. As always, we can use additional volunteers to present these awards. This is a good opportunity for out state alumni to be of service to Yale and YAANW. Questions, Ron Goldser, yaanw@yaanw.org

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. (Amherst, Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, MIT, Northwestern, NYU, Penn, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, Virginia, Wharton, Williams, Yale, Interclub and IvyLife.) Check the TCAN website for upcoming events.

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/>

Monday, August 22, 2016

Climate Discussion with Stanford Experts

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul Campus

Sponsored by: Stanford Club of Minnesota

Cost: Free

RSVP: Romney Katti, rrkatti@mchsi.com, 612-508-3312

Details: Please join us for an enlightening discussion with two leading experts on environmental policy, Buzz Thompson, Stanford BA '72 and JD/MBA '76, and Jessica Hellman, Stanford Ph.D. 2000. Buzz and Jessica have graciously volunteered to give a presentation to the Stanford alumni group and TCAN members; the presentation will be a forward-looking talk on climate impacts, adaptation, and policy, and will include discussion of some possible solutions. Where: University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment, Seminar Room, 1954 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Cost: Free, light refreshments will be served

Post-Event Happy Hour: Join us at Stout's Pub on Snelling and Larpenteur after the event to continue the discussion.

Thursday, August 25

Harvard Club: Tour of Mummies Exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota

Attend a tour of *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs*, and learn about the ancient burial practice from Egypt and Peru. Informative, behind-the-scenes tours will be led by Joe Imholte (Director of Special Exhibits and Public Programs) and by Dr. Ed Fleming (Curator of Archaeology). The event will begin in a scenic gathering room where you will enjoy heavy appetizers and network with new and old friends.

Members \$40, Non-Members \$45

Signup deadline: Tuesday August 16!

[Click here to buy tickets!!!](#)

The ticket price includes access to other museum galleries which you are also free to explore, including a timely exhibit about the social construct and history of race in the United States called *RACE: Are We So Different?* The *Mummies* special exhibit closes on Labor Day and will not return, so be sure to take advantage of this rare, cost-saving invitation. [Click here](#) to view more about the *Mummies* exhibit.



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Upon entering the lobby you will be directed to our gathering area on Level 6.

Hourly parking is available in the museum ramp. Use the lower ramp entrance at the intersection of Eagle Parkway and Chestnut Street.

Schedule:

6:00 - 6:45 Socializing, appetizers

Group 1

Group 2

6:45 - 7:15 Mummies tour (Groups 1a and 1b) 6:45 - 7:15 Explore the rest of the museum

7:15 - 8:00 Solo walk through Mummies again 7:15 - 7:45 Mummies Tour (Groups 2a and 2b)

8:00 - 8:30 Explore the rest of the museum 7:45 - 8:30 Solo walk through Mummies again

Questions? Please contact Deb Bradley at 612-871-2914.

Thursday, September 8

Sizzling Salsa Dancing and Appetizers Evening!

Time: 5:15pm

Location: The Women's Club of Minneapolis, 410 Oak Grove Street

Sponsored by: The Penn Club

Cost: 25.00

RSVP: Julia julialeighmccreight@gmail.com

Details: Join us for an exciting and beautiful evening at the Women's Club in Minneapolis for a Sizzling Salsa Night! - Lesson taught by Barnard College, Columbia University graduate Julia Leigh McCreight who is a Latin dance professional. The Salsa lesson is a beginning level and no partners or dance experience are needed!! We will dance group style and also learn simple partner techniques. Enjoy the fabulous appetizers of the Women's Club and we will also have a cash bar for the entire evening. All you need is comfy shoes and be prepared to have a blast!