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Thoughts from the President

School is well underway, and high school seniors are busily taking SATs, ACTs and applying to college. With the universal college application, increasing numbers of students are applying to Yale and other colleges, just to see what happens. Yale tries to interview all applicants—there are frequently the surprise students who stand out for their individuality. These students benefit substantially from the alumni interview process.

As a result, the number of interviews YAANW conducts has steadily increased. We need your help! Interviews are best conducted in person, precisely because student individuality is the focus of these conversations.

Please join us on October 16 at the University Club in St. Paul to talk with our regional admissions officer about the acceptance process at the Admissions Office.

Ron Goldser '75

Keep up with news at Yale: <http://news.yale.edu>

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Make your contribution to YAANW today! 

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President: Ron Goldser, '75

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

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Upcoming Events

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

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Oct 22: **People Serving People**

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Nov 30: **Annual Financial Panel 2017**

May 20: **MN Opera and La Boheme**

May 23: **Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School**



Steve Nelson on Life in China

Oct 19

12:00 noon

Minneapolis Club

Steve Nelson has returned from Hong Kong! Come here his talk about life and work as an ex-pat. October 19 at noon at the Minneapolis Club. Tickets \$40.

RSVP to Larry Schuster at schusterclinic@aol.com or 952-920-8386.

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

The Game: Yale vs. Harvard

Nov 19

11:30 am

Joe Senser's

The 133rd playing of the Yale Harvard Football Game will occur in Cambridge on Saturday, November 19 with a kickoff time of 11:30 am CST. The Game will air nationally on NBC Sports Network. We will join with the Harvard Club to watch at Joe Senser's, 4217 American Blvd. W., Bloomington. There will be a \$5 cover, and food and drinks can be purchased from the menu. RSVP to Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

Environmental Sustainability

Nov 16

6:00 pm

Pool and Yacht Club

Can We Feed the World Without Destroying the Planet?

Speaker: Ford Runge, Distinguished McKnight Professor of Applied Economics and Law at the University of Minnesota, and Institute on the Environment Fellow

When: Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 PM

Where: [Pool & Yacht Club, Lilydale](#)

Cost: \$40, with cash bar and dinner; reduced cost of \$20 for classes of 2006 to 2016

RSVP: <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/sustainnov2016.html> by Friday, November 4

Questions: Bob Weisenfeld at bweisenfeld@gmail.com

How are we going to meet the food demands of a population that will grow to over 9 billion by 2050? Do we increase the land dedicated to agriculture, often at the expense of forests and other habitats. Do we increase the yield of crops, i.e. agricultural productivity, of existing farm land, with greater use of fertilizer, and nitrogen? Do either have implications for carbon emissions and climate change? Join Dr. Ford Runge as he responds to each of these questions, and suggests how we can expand food production while minimizing the impact on climate change.

MN Orchestra presents Ratatouille

Nov 26

2:00 pm

Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

Bring the kids to Ratatouille with the Minnesota Orchestra. Sunday matinee, 2 pm, with brunch before at 11:30 at the News Room, 990 Nicollet Mall. Tickets are \$64 and \$55 for adults and \$54 and \$47 for children. Tickets: <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/ratat2016.html> Questions to Ken Freed at kenfreed007@gmail.com

MN Opera: La Boheme

May 20

7:30 pm

Ordway Theater

Come hear the Minnesota Opera in one of opera's premier events—La Boheme. We will attend the matinee on Sunday, May 14 at the Ordway in St. Paul, with dinner and a presentation to follow. Watch this space for more details.

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-sterling> and <https://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/3431/new-div-school-dean-is-a-preacher-scholar>.



French Table

October 4

6:00 pm

Cave Vin, Minneapolis

When: October 4 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, Minneapolis)

Once a month, fellow Francophiles meet for a fun evening of talk. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

FOODIES!!!!

TBD

Stay tuned for an email with details on our next event.

Please join us for the Yale Foodies group. We are meeting monthly to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We will focus on restaurants at which people will pay no more than \$20-\$30 per person--and sometimes less! --and rotate around different parts of the Twin Cities.

People Serving People

October 22

11:30 am

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. The next day of service at PSP is **October 22 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.

Please note! Our November and December service dates fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends. It would be an excellent time to provide service to those who may be wanting on these special days.

Young Alumni

See the TCAN events below!!

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.

Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums

October 2

2-5 p.m.

Lund's

On Sunday October 2, we will be meeting with a special guest, Jim Hackney '79 MAR, Senior Director of Development for YDS. Time is 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room

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.

Questions and RSVP to [Rudy Hokanson rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:Rudy.Hokanson@rhokanson@gmail.com)

Calling All Lawyers

October 17 (after Sotomayor speech); October 19

6:00 pm

For those of you going to hear Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on October 17, we will gather after the presentation at the reception. Thereafter, we will adjourn to a local establishment to discuss the presentation, and the issues of the day. Questions to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com

We will also be gathering on October 19 at 6:00 pm at a location on Seven Corners, Minneapolis. This will be a discussion group on topics of current events in the law. Questions and RSVP to Dorothy Whelan at whelan@fr.com

Alumni Schools Committee

October 16

5:30 pm

University Club, St. Paul

Interview Workshop Meeting: Sunday, October 16th, 5:30 pm at the University Club in St. Paul at 420 Summit Avenue and Ramsey Hill.

On behalf of the Alumni Schools Committees of Minnesota, Tony Leung, Jon Tilburt and Malcolm McDonald most cordially invite you to join us with Yale Admissions staff leader Deb Johns, Associate Director of Admissions, to bring ourselves up to date on the following and more:

- How the Admissions Staff work with our reports
- What they would like us to focus on in our interviews and write-ups
- How Early Action and financial aid work
- Special rules regarding athletes
- Selected students the Admissions staff very much want interviewed

...and answers to our many questions!

For an all-inclusive charge of \$35 per person we will have a comfortable place to meet, valet parking, food and a cash bar.

The competition to have students choose to matriculate to Yale after being admitted is increasingly stiff. 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 Alumni Knitting Group

Sunday, October 23

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Northfield Yarn

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 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/>

NEW! Join the TCAN LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4075580>

Wednesday, October 05, 2016, 6 to 8 pm

An Evening with Professor James Von Geldern

Location: Open Book Minneapolis, Target Performance Hall, 1011 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Sponsored by: Brown and Harvard Alumni Clubs

Cost: \$15

RSVP: <https://alumni.brown.edu/Alumni/BRAVO/Events/Registration.aspx?Event=1782>

Contact us: Karen Dickson (email: dicksonkaren100@aol.com)

Details: This wonderful night will include delicious appetizers, networking with other TCAN members, and a fascinating talk given by Professor James Von Geldern on the topic: Crimea and Its Russian History. James Von Geldern is Professor of International Studies and Russian at Macalester College, where he teaches courses on Soviet culture and international law. He is author of *Bolshevik Festivals, 1917-1920*, co-author of *Mass Culture in Soviet Russia: Tales, Poems, Songs, Movies, Plays and Folklore, 1917-1953* (1995) and *Entertaining Tsarist Russia: Urban Entertainments, 1798-1917* (1998), and co-developer of the website *Seventeen Moments in Soviet History*, <http://soviethistory.msu.edu>. He is also a practicing attorney, representing asylum seekers pro bono in collaboration with the Advocates for Human Rights, of Minneapolis,

Minnesota. Professor Von Geldern completed his degree in Slavic Languages & Literatures at Brown University in 1987; and his law degree at University of Minnesota in 2005.

Monday, October 10, 2016, 6 to 8:30 pm

Guthrie Artistic Director Joseph Haj on His Life in Theater

Location: Guthrie Theater, 9th Floor

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota, admin@harvardmn.org

Cost: \$40

RSVP: http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/store.html?event_id=345

Details: Meet the Guthrie's new Artistic Director and hear his thoughts on how theater can serve the community. Preceded by a reception in the Guthrie's 9th floor amber-box lobby overlooking the Mississippi. Joseph Haj was named the Guthrie Theater's eighth artistic director in 2015. He and the Guthrie are working to engage a broader audience through innovative programming and \$9 tickets for events in the Dowling Studio. He will share his own story and the role theater has played in his life as well as his thoughts on leadership and how to connect the work the Guthrie does with the community it is charged to serve. This promises to be an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening. Don't miss it!

Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 6 to 8 pm

Craft Brews and Talks at Inbound Brewco

Location: Inbound Brewco - 701 N 5th St, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Hosted by: Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

Cost: \$15 alumni and guests, \$10 young alumni (<10 years out)

RSVP: Reserve your seat online now to guarantee entry: <http://bit.ly/2cLISha>

Details: While enjoying some local craft brews, Twin Cities alumni will share short, 10-15 min "Ted Talks"-style speeches on a variety of topics (public health, evolutionary biology, politics, etc.)