

## Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – March 30, 2020

#### Dear Franklinites,

While it's a little hard to discern the weekend from the weekday right now, I awoke today to Ada exclaiming "Today is Monday!" as she toured me through the workspace she'd set up for her first day of online school. Today is Monday! In Franklin, Monday means that our remaining students are packing up to move to one of the lower 12 colleges. They have been so gracious about the sacrifice of sanctuary in order to make room for first responders needing a shelter of their own. We are all trying to keep the right spirit, but, as you know, sometimes things that are right are also hard.

Outside of Franklin, away from campus, out in the wider world where most of you now reside, today means classes, reading, writing, psets and thinking through intellectual quagmires while tending to siblings, grandparents, groceries, and chores. It is right of you to balance all of this, in some isolation, but it's also (really) hard. Today is Monday. Just take the day.

This week we'll have answers to more of your questions about Yale Summer Session and summer research. Stay tuned. And remember that tutoring and academic support is still available to you. A bit about that below.

With you,

Dean Hill

'The best thing for being sad,' replied Merlin, beginning to puff and blow, 'is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then — to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting. Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn.'

-- T. H. White, "The Once and Future King"

https://academiccontinuity.yale.edu/students/undergraduate-tutoring-and-academic-strategies

Here are some ways that Academic Strategies can support your students:

- 1-1 Check-ins with Academic Strategies Mentors: if your students are struggling with motivation, suggest they meet online with an Academic Strategies Mentor: <u>Mentors are</u> <u>available Sunday through Thursday, 1-5 pm & 7-10 pm, and Fridays 12-5 pm.</u>
- Peer Mentorship Groups: We are assembling small groups for students to connect with each other for mutual support and information sharing. Students can register via this link:
   <u>Academic Strategies Online Learning Peer Groups</u>.
- Workshops (Eastern Time):
  - o Strategies for Online Exams: Monday, March 30, 4-5 pm
  - o Motivate Your Online Learning: Tuesday, March 31, 4-5 pm
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# Tutoring

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn.

Her hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. –

7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

## **Yale Tutoring Resources:**

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduatewriting

Sc/QR Tutoring: <a href="https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields">https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields</a>

Language Tutoring: <a href="http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring">http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring</a>

 $A cademic \ Strategies: \underline{https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program}$ 

Advising Resources: <a href="http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/">http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/</a>

#### **CIPE**

THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

CIPE is closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 situation and we are hopeful the situation will improve significantly before the summer. However, we understand that you may have questions about your summer plans. Visit the <u>Yale College Travel Policy</u> for updated information.

**Students currently abroad** should continue to follow the guidance communicated directly with them. CIPE staff are working individually with each student depending on their location and circumstances.

#### RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the <u>Daily</u> <u>Chatter</u>, a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>!

#### **STUDY ABROAD**

CONSIDERING A SEMESTER ABROAD? PLEASE NOTE THE NEW (COVID-19) DEADLINES FOR FALL 2020 OR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

<u>Credit for Fall Term Abroad</u> | Application

Deadline: April 15

Credit for Academic Year Abroad | Application

Deadline: **April 15** 

#### **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

Yale is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19. Yale College students should visit the <u>Yale College Travel Policy</u> for updated information on travel restrictions and <u>Yale's COVID-19</u> page for additional information and announcements. For the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad, please refer to the <u>Study Abroad COVID-19</u> (Coronavirus) <u>Update</u> webpage.

## Yale Degree Audit

Yale Degree Audit (YDA) is a tool that tracks your progress toward the bachelor's degree. YDA is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). YDA displays the Yale College degree requirements that you have already completed and those that are still pending. A "Look Ahead" feature shows you how future course enrollment might apply toward your degree. Yale Degree Audit does not take the place of face-to-face advising, although you may wish to share your audit with your adviser. Instead, it provides an easy-to-read summary of requirements, allowing you and your adviser to spend more time discussing course selection and academic goals.

Do not rely solely on your degree audit when planning your courses; continue to use Yale's standard systems for schedule planning and employ YDA as an additional tool. More features will be added to YDA in the future, including the ability to track progress toward major requirements.

If you have suggestions, general observations, or questions that are not answered by the FAQs, send them to registrar@yale.edu using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.

#### **RESOURCES**

<u>Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser</u> – Please note that Drop-in Hours have been suspended for the remainder of the term, but we welcome you to schedule an appointment directly from our website. While Yale courses are operating in an online format, study abroad advising appointments will be conducted remotely via Zoom.

Search the <u>Study Abroad Calendar</u> for information sessions, deadlines, and other study abroad events throughout the year.

#### **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

CIPE is closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 situation and we are hopeful the situation will improve significantly before the summer. Visit the <u>CIPE Study Abroad COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update</u> and the <u>Yale College Travel Policy</u> for updated information.

<u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: Yale Fellowships and Funding advises against students making bookings for the summer until the Yale community receives notice that Yale-funded travel is once again permitted.

#### NOTEWORTHY DEADLINES

**International Summer Award (ISA)** | Early Action Deadline: **April 1** Final Deadline: **May 1** 

**Please note:** In consideration of rapidly changing circumstances, disbursal of ISA funds may be delayed.

**Domestic Summer Award (DSA)** | Early Action Deadline: **April 1** Final Deadline: **May 1** 

**Please Note:** In light of the COVID-19 situation, OCS is allowing students who receive Yale's Domestic Summer Award (for summer 2020 only) to work remotely **IF** their employer agrees to this. If a student is interested in working remotely, both the intern and the supervisor will need to agree to the <u>Remote Work Guidelines</u>.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Zoom Webinar: UK fellowships - Rhodes & beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland

Thursday, April 2, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Zoom Login: <a href="https://yale.zoom.us/j/921563102">https://yale.zoom.us/j/921563102</a>

#### Schwarzman Scholars Virtual Info Session @ Yale

Friday, April 3, 2:00pm – 3:00pm Register HERE

Zoom Webinar: UK fellowships - Rhodes & beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland

Wednesday, April 8, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Zoom Login: <a href="https://yale.zoom.us/j/750654441">https://yale.zoom.us/j/750654441</a>

## **Zoom Webinar: Fulbright Information Session**

Thursday, April 9, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Zoom Login: <a href="https://yale.zoom.us/j/832169479">https://yale.zoom.us/j/832169479</a>

#### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**April 3, 4pm EST** - <u>President's Public Service Fellowship</u> Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

**April 6, 5:00pm EST -** <u>Freeman Asia</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

May 1, 3:00pm EST - <u>MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, & Graduate Students

May 31 - <u>Rotary Peace Fellowship</u> District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

#### **RESOURCES**

Visit the Fellowships Calendar for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

Search for Yale funding and campus information for external awards which require application through Yale on the Yale Student Grants Database (SGDB)

<u>Make an appointment</u> directly from the website to meet with an adviser. While Yale courses are operating in an online format, fellowship advising appointments will be conducted remotely via phone or video (Zoom or Skype).

**OCS** 

#### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Bulldogs in the Bluegrass Deadline approaching. Still looking for a summer internship? Bulldogs in the Bluegrass is an amazing summer internship program in Louisville, KY started by a Yale alum. They've hosted hundreds of Yalies in their 20+ years. Check out the summer 2019 cohort and the open positions. Log into Yale Career Link, go to Employers/Employer Directory and search 'Bulldogs in the Bluegrass' to review internship descriptions and apply. Deadline to apply: March 31.

## **Domestic Summer Award (DSA)**

Early Action Deadline: April 1

Final Deadline: May 1

Eligible students include Yale College first-years, sophomores, and juniors on Yale financial aid seeking an unpaid or underfunded (\$1,500 or less) U.S. summer opportunity with one of the following: a 501(c)(3) nonprofit including non-profit Universities; a government entity including public Universities; a non-governmental organization (NGO); an Arts Apprenticeship; or a Science, Laboratory, or Other Research Opportunity. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply here.

Check out **Dwight Hall Internships**. Log in to <u>Yale Career Link</u> and go to the Jobs Search: use "Dwight Hall" as your keyword search and select Preferred Yale Partner under More Filters. Apply today. Dwight Hall is also looking for participants in their <u>survey</u> to gauge student interest in alumni mentorship and career development opportunities; it takes just 5 minutes to complete.

#### RESOURCES

**Virtual Advising Available -** Yale is taking new actions to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). **Until further notice, all career advising appointments will be held by phone or video (Zoom or Skype).** Please request appointments through Yale Career Link and select one of the Remote location options.

Your Summer Internship Search Pathway: The summer internship search can seem daunting—but it doesn't have to be. Check out this Pathway in Yale Career Link, compete with a manageable checklist and resources to find your summer opportunity. (Available to first-years, sophomores, and juniors).

Visit the <u>Calendar of Events</u> for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to <u>Yale Career Link</u>, powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to RSVP.

#### YALE SUMMER SESSION

Want to earn 2 Yale credits and a QR distributional requirement while building a portfolio of coding projects for graduate school and job interviews? Check out the <u>Yale x Flatiron School Web</u> <u>Development Bootcamp (CPSC S115)</u> as an option for this summer! <u>Learn more in our webinar on Monday, April 13 from 12pm-1pm.</u>

summer.yale.edu @YaleSummerSession

## Drop-in sessions with a librarian at BF

While students are working remotely, so are librarians! Sign-up for an online research consultation where you can ask about finding online resources (like e-books and e-journals), get research help for your senior projects, learn how to manage citations efficiently, and more. Register at:

https://yale.libwizard.com/f/onlineresearch.

## Yale Academic Strategies Program - We are now online!

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program https://orgsync.com/162209/

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Though peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

All undergraduate support programs, including Academic Strategies, the Writing Center, and STEM tutoring will be available online. <u>Check our Poorvu Center Academic Continuity Web Page</u> for more details and resources.

#### **Get Connected!**

Hear the latest about Academic Strategies events and opportunities. Follow us on social media:

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/yaleacademicstrategies/">https://www.facebook.com/yaleacademicstrategies/</a> (@YaleAcademicStrategies)

Twitter: @AtAcademicYale

Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/academicstrategies/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/academicstrategies/?hl=en</a> (@academicstrategies)

#### **Workshops**

Click on the date/time below to RSVP and access the Zoom link.

## Strategies for Online Exams: Monday, March 30, 4-5 pm (Eastern Time)

Taking exams in an online environment introduces new challenges. Learn how to best prepare for these challenges in this interactive workshop.

## Motivate Your Online Learning: Tuesday, March 31, 4-5 pm (Eastern Time)

It's hard to stay focused and on task while on your own. Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your academic work while learning online.

# Organization and Time Management for Online Learning: Wednesday, April 1, 4-5 pm (Eastern time)

Learn mindsets and practical strategies for managing your online coursework and the demands of your off-line life. Stay connected with faculty and classmates and learn how to access Yale's academic resources online.

## 1-1 Mentoring

Meet with an <u>Academic Strategies Mentor!</u> They will help you work through the challenges of online learning, develop a weekly study routine, and create a plan for getting through to the end of the semester. Have questions? Please email us at <u>academicstrategies@yale.edu</u>.

## Students can sign up for meetings at the following days/times (Eastern Time):

Sundays-Thursdays: 3-10 pm Fridays: 12-2 pm & 3-5 pm

Email us at <u>academicstrategies@yale.edu</u> for additional times to accommodate students in international time zones.

## Peer mentoring groups:

We recognize that being in a new learning environment may be stressful for a variety of reasons. To help, we are offering small peer mentorship groups to every class year with the option to request grouping by major area and other considerations (FGLI, international student, etc.). Consisting of 5 students and one Academic Strategies mentor, these small groups are meant to help provide community, help you work through various challenges, and create another outlet for connection and resource sharing. If you would like to join one of these groups, please fill out the following Google Form: Academic Strategies Online Peer Mentoring Groups.

## Support for Students with Learning Differences and Disabilities

Students with disabilities and learning differences who need advice on adapting to the online format can contact our professional staff member, Sarah Cussler (<a href="mailto:sarah.cussler@yale.edu">sarah.cussler@yale.edu</a>).

<u>The Community Initiative</u>: Empowering first-generation and low-income students at Yale A partnership between the Yale College Dean's Office and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: <a href="https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu">https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu</a>

#### FGLI COVID-19 FAQ

The Community Initiative has compiled a list of <u>FAQs</u> specifically for FGLI students. The FAQs cover topics such as technical issues, refunds, and student employment information. Please look over the <u>document</u> that is available on our website for more information.

## Virtual Office Hours

In an effort to stay as connected with students during the following weeks, Jorge Anaya, the Woodbridge Fellow to the YCDO & Poorvu Center and Coordinator of the Community Initiative, will have office hours from 1-3pm Monday-Friday that will be open to all students. This is an opportunity to discuss anything that is on your mind or ask any questions you may have in general. No prior interactions are necessary, all are welcome! To reserve a slot, please sign up via this <u>Calendly link</u>.

## Yale College Writing Center

All Writing Center services will continue to operate remotely through the end of the term. Our tutors remain eager to work with you at any point in the writing process to discuss any piece of writing you're working on—including writing that isn't for a class.

<u>The Residential College Writing Tutors</u> will work via email and Zoom. <u>Sign up the way you always have</u>, and a confirmation email will explain how to access your Tutor at the time of your appointment.

<u>The Writing Partners'</u> availability remains similar to their on-campus schedule (Eastern Time):

Sun-Thu: 2:30-4:45pm & 7:00-10:00pm Fri: 10:00am-12:15pm & 2:30-4:45pm

Sat: 2:30-4:45pm

Instead of a drop-in service, <u>Writing Partners will be available by appointment</u>. When you schedule an appointment, a confirmation email will explain how to work with your tutor remotely.

<u>Turnitin Tutoring</u> will work via Zoom. <u>The sign up process remains the same</u>, and a confirmation email will explain how to upload your paper to Turnitin and where to meet your tutor at the time of your session.

These services offer an opportunity to maintain some of the academic structure of campus life as you attend classes and complete coursework from home. We hope you'll take advantage of them.

## **STEM Tutoring**

ULAs and Course-Based-Peer-Tutors will continue to support most STEM courses in which they are assigned. Watch out for information from your specific course instructor on how to access that help, which will often be via Zoom meetings during scheduled office hours.

#### Yale Libraries

Find this information on **how to access library services and resources online:** <a href="https://guides.library.yale.edu/RemoteLibraryServices">https://guides.library.yale.edu/RemoteLibraryServices</a>.

## 30 Minutes to a Better Bibliography (online workshop) March 31 | 2:30 - 3 PM | Zoom

Meet with a librarian online to learn how to cite resources in your research papers more accurately and efficiently. This online workshop is for students at any phase in the research process. Topics include: how to find citations for online resources, how to create a bibliography using a citation manager, how to use different citation styles, and more. Register at <a href="https://bit.ly/yul30minutes">bit.ly/yul30minutes</a>

## Latte with a Librarian: online edition

#### March 31 | 3 - 5 PM | Zoom

Do you need to find an online book or a scholarly article, or do you need help formulating a research question for a literature review? Librarians can help! Bring your own coffee and we'll supply the Zoom room! Register at <a href="schedule.yale.edu/event/6616432">schedule.yale.edu/event/6616432</a>

## Using IPUMS, ICPSR, and Gallup Data (online workshop) March 31 | 4 – 6 PM | Zoom

During this online workshop, learn how to search, understand, and manipulate data from IPUMS, ICPSR, and Gallup. Register at <a href="schedule.yale.edu/event/6336554">schedule.yale.edu/event/6336554</a>

## Level Up Your Research Papers (online workshop)

## April 1 | 2:30 - 3 PM | Zoom

Meet with a librarian online for 30-minutes to learn how to **discover**, **organize**, & **cite** research for your papers more efficiently. This workshop is for students at any phase in the research process, and precise topics of each session will be driven by student need. Register at <a href="https://basslevellup">bit.ly/basslevellup</a>

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