

HAAAA INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2008

Seasons greetings and welcome to the first Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance newsletter! I'm truly thrilled that all of you have joined the group to help promote our global Asian American network. As the first year of our existence draws to a close, I am pleased to have found a core group of such wonderful friends and respected colleagues. In these short few months we have had already experienced many great successes: networking within our newly formed group, promoting Harvard culture, reaching out to the other Ivy League Asian American alumni groups, and networking professionally with our sister Harvard SIGs. Moreover, I look forward to extensive exciting growth in the future, as we begin organizing programs such as lectures by Harvard professors, mentorship programs for young graduates, scholarships for Harvard undergrads, and many other compelling projects.

In the meantime, please enjoy your fellow members' updates as far as their recent endeavors. Hopefully this newsletter will eventually become a good forum for keeping in touch, and following up with ex-classmates and friends who we have fallen out of touch with. You can also use it to find new contacts, whether professionally or for activities. Lastly, do please let me know if you have any further suggestions for the group or the newsletter!

Happy holidays again, and best of luck to you all in 2009!

Best,
Eric Yeh
Founding President & President, HAAAA

Yu-Han Chang (A.B. '99)

Current location: NYC

After spending most of my life around Boston – arrived from Taiwan at 3, went to Harvard, went to visit the other side of Cambridge (MIT) – I've now settled in on the other side of the country, in Pasadena, CA. Never left academia though; I'm currently a Research Scientist at USC, investigating various aspects of machine learning and artificial intelligence. My wife (Tracey Ho; MIT '99, '04) and I spend most of our free time playing with our first child, Alexa, who was born this past May. Maybe Alexa will be a proud HAAAA member in 20 or so years!

Janet Chou (A.B. '98, HMS '03)

Current location: Boston

How quickly the 10 years since graduation have gone by! Boston remains my home, as I've finished med school at HMS, a pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital Boston, and currently am loving my fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Children's Hospital. I've not lost my fascination with great food and gotten into cooking (how a wonderful cookbook can actually change things!) as well as running (a nice change from my sedentary

college days). It's wonderful to see hear the paths of our college friends have evolved and HAAAA is a great way to maintain existing relationship and forge new alliances!

Vicki Chou (AB '02, JD '06)

Current location: LA

My life since graduation has been a series of cross-country moves. After college, I spent a year in San Francisco working for the Program in Medical Ethics at UCSF. I then moved back to Cambridge to complete my law degree. Then back out to San Francisco to work for a year at Quinn Emanuel. I followed that with a move to Richmond, Virginia to clerk for the district court. Now, I'm back on the West Coast working at Irell & Manella in Century City, and hopefully done moving for awhile.

Kay Hashimoto (A.B. '98)

Current location: NYC

I've been a migrant since graduating in 1998. I spent most of my post graduation years working in IT, first for a few years in Boston, then briefly in Atlanta, then a few years in Rochester, NY. Pervasive offshore outsourcing and my inability to find a permanent employee job in IT led me to do taxes on the side and then full time when I found a job at

a CPA firm in Buffalo, NY. In 2006, I went back to school for an MBA in Accounting to fulfill education requirements to become a CPA. I recently graduated and moved to New York City, where I now work in the tax department of a local CPA firm called Friedman LLP. For the next year, I will spend most of my free time studying for the CPA exam, but I also like to run and explore NYC whenever I get the chance. I am happy to be involved with HAAAA and look forward to meeting all of you.

Henry Hsieh (A.B. '00)

Current location: abroad

After spending another year in Boston after graduation doing freelance web design and working for an internet startup called rfpMarket.com (now DirectoryM), I attended graduate school at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received my PhD in astronomy in 2007. I am currently a postdoctoral fellow in the astrophysics department of Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland in the UK. My current research involves studying comets, asteroids, asteroids that look like comets, and comets that look like asteroids. I mainly spend my spare time pretending to be a photographer, playing ultimate frisbee and working on my left-handed throwing, attempting to visit as much of Europe as I can while

I'm in the area (despite also bemoaning the current demise of the pound against the euro), and trying to understand the Northern Ireland (or "Norn Iron") accent (still very much a work in progress).

Carey Hsu (AB '01)

Current location: NYC

I worked at Oliver Wyman in New York City following graduation. In 2003, I moved to Pasadena to attend graduate school in chemistry at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Recently, I defended my Ph.D. thesis and returned to New York City.

Helen Lo (A.B. '02)

Current location: Philly

I graduated in 2002 and went to medical school at nyu. In between I took a year off to do information systems research at Partners Healthcare in Boston, and now I'm in my 2nd year of emergency medicine residency at UPenn. From there it's a future of hospital administration, maybe b-school, and hopefully a real job, though all/any/none of the above is a fair guess. If anyone is ever in the Philly area, do get in touch! hlo@post.harvard.edu.

Theresa (Tree) Loong (A.B. '94)

Current location: NYC

I am an interactive strategist and have been consulting for media outlets such as New York Magazine, AMC, WEtv, Fashionista, Dealbreaker and

Abovethelaw. I have also been working with a small startup called Intellitoys. Intellitoys launched its first set of products this year: smart-e-bear, smart-e-dog and smart-e-cat. The interactive children's toys were the most award-winning toys in 2008. When I can, I produce documentaries, including "So Very Far from Home," which aired on NJN (in New Jersey) and SMG8 (in Shanghai). I am currently raising funds for "Every Day Is a Holiday" (<http://www.everydayisaholiday.org>), a documentary about my father's experience as a POW in Japan during WWII. I look forward to reconnecting: tree@post.harvard.edu.

Flora Kao (A.B. '00)

Current location: LA

After working for LEK Consulting in Boston and Sydney, Flora Kao is now an installation artist based in LA. Her work was recently exhibited in Systems Theory at Torrance Art Museum and Multiple Feeds at the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy. Flora's work can be viewed online at <http://floratkao.blogspot.com>.

Eugene Kim (A.B. '02)

Current location: NYC

Eugene Kim was a resident at Cabot House and received his A.B. in 2002. He worked as an investment banking analyst for several years, at Morgan Stanley and at Lehman Brothers, in New York, Boston, Hong Kong, and Seoul. Subsequently,

he received his J.D. from Columbia Law School and now works at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.

Eric Yeh (A.B. '98)

Current location: NYC

Since graduating in 1998, I've bounced around a variety of Wall Street jobs, ranging from technology to risk management to strategy to trading. I am currently a Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at Tower Research Capital, a high-frequency hedge fund based in Manhattan. In my free time, I enjoy singing, culinary experimentation, viewing art, going to the theater, practicing tai chi, and anything that makes me think deeply, from philosophy to abstract strategy games. I am proud to be involved with HAAAA, and look forward to its growing into a powerful global network that helps all its members reach their goals in all aspects of their lives.

Jia Jia Ye (A.B. '03)

Current location: NYC

Jia Jia Ye, Currier House, Economics Class of 2003. Been in New York City since graduation working in municipal healthcare finance (UBS), corporate healthcare finance (DB) and now healthcare venture capital (Galen Partners). Would love to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

