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Cross-Cohort Exchange
MAY 15 – 16, 2014

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On May 15 – 16, 2014, the Advanced Leadership Initiative held its fifth Cross-Cohort Exchange (CCX) at Harvard. During this dynamic, two-day event, 2014 AL Fellows presented their project ideas for the first time and gained the wisdom and experience of Past AL Fellows, Faculty, and friends in attendance. With a network that now spans 116 Past AL Fellows, connections and insights across cohorts abounded.

On Thursday evening and Friday morning, ALI hosted a Leadership for Action Roundtable to commemorate Infrastructure Week 2014, which coincided with CCX. During the evening of May 15, United States Senator, Ed Markey (D-MA) spoke to AL Fellows, providing insight into transportation and infrastructure. The roundtable on Friday explored emerging solutions, innovative approaches, and best practices being developed nationwide to modernize aging infrastructure. This forum provided current and past AL Fellows a direct line into a visible national issue, transportation and infrastructure, topics discussed and addressed at February’s “America on the Move” Summit, an initiative born out of the Harvard Business School’s U.S. Competitiveness Project.

Photos from Cross-Cohort Exchange

To view all photos from Cross-Cohort Exchange, please visit the ALI Flickr site here: http://www.flickr.com/photos/harvard_ali/

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> Fellows’ News

**Marissa C. Wesely**  
*2014 Fellow*  
Marissa was featured in Harvard Law Today for her work in increasing opportunities for women in law. Motivated by her own personal journey to success in a male-dominated field, Marissa has worked to empower women to achieve more prominent leadership positions and reach their full potentials. Through her personal achievements, speeches, and personal mentorship, Marissa has encouraged many young women to make their voices heard and make a difference in their fields.

Read more:  
[http://today.law.harvard.edu/visible-difference/](http://today.law.harvard.edu/visible-difference/)

**Vincent DeLuise**  
*2013 Fellow*  
Vincent successfully submitted a paper about medical humanism to the American Association of Medical Colleges. In April, Vincent presented his paper at the Yale University School of Medicine to an audience of medical educators. As continuation of his AL project work, Vincent hopes to influence educators to better integrate the humanities and medicine.

**Dennis Scholl**  
*2012 Fellow*  
The Knight Foundation – of which Dennis is Vice President of Arts - hosted a contest to search for innovative ideas that would revitalize St. Paul with the arts. The Knight Arts Challenge is a grassroots attempt at celebrating diversity and inspiring community through the arts. As such, the Challenge seeks innovative ideas for individuals or organizations to transform St. Paul through the arts. The contest, launched and announced by Dennis in early April, has $1.5 million in funding and expects to name contest finalists in the summer.


**Peter Wirth**  
*2012 Fellow*  
Lysosomal Therapeutics Inc., of which Peter is a founder, received $4.8 million in seed funding for the research and development of new therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases. In particular, LTI seeks to leverage cutting-edge research on the association between a rare lysosomal storage disorder called Gaucher Disease, and the predisposition to Parkinson's Disease, to potentially develop a new class of agents to treat GD and PD. The seed funding will help LTI further refine its current research to develop a potential breakthrough therapeutic for Parkinson's.

Read more:  
[http://www.lysosomaltx.com](http://www.lysosomaltx.com)
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David Weinstein  
2011 Fellow

Write the World, the non-profit that David founded, is hosting a 1-day Professional Development Workshop at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on August 9, 2014. The Workshop targets educators who wish to improve writing instruction in schools, and provides both instructional training and practical advice.

Read more:
http://writetheworld.com/blog/summer-professional-development-opportunity-at-harvard

Al Zollar  
2011 Fellow

On May 9, Al was interviewed by The History Makers, which aims to “record, preserve, and share the life stories of thousands of African Americans, from President Barack Obama to the oldest living black cowboy.” In doing so, The History Makers hopes to provide a more inclusive and diverse account of American history.

Read more:
http://www.thehistorymakers.com/biography/al-zollar
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Professor Barry R. Bloom  
Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor  
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Co-Chair, Advanced Leadership Initiative

On May 4, Professor Bloom received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from Ohio State University. Bloom was recognized for his extensive work in global health and the immunology and pathogenesis of leprosy and TB. He is also an esteemed public health official, advising policy and research initiatives at the White House and the WHO.

Read more:  
http://osumarion.osu.edu/news/ohio-state-honors-four-spring-2014-commencement
http://news.osu.edu/news/2014/05/04/facts-on-spring-2014-commencement/

Professor Amy C. Edmondson  
Novartis Professor of Leadership and Management, Harvard Business School  
Executive Board Member,  
Advanced Leadership Initiative

At the 2014 Harvard Business School Faculty Research Symposium, Professor Edmondson presented her research on the importance of fostering a culture of open communication in the workplace. In a talk called, “Speaking Up and Teaming Up to Build a Better World (Or at Least a Better Organization),” Edmondson notes that feedback about problems in the workplace is important to improving business practices. Citing her research in several neonatal intensive care units, Edmondson discussed the importance and benefits of inclusive leaders, or leaders who are “accessible, proactively provide input, and acknowledge their own fallibility.”

Read more:  
http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/7541.html

Professor David Gergen  
Public Service Professor of Public Leadership, Director of the Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School; Co-Chair, Advanced Leadership Initiative

Professor Rosabeth Moss Kanter  
Ernest L. Arbuckle Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; Chair and Director, Advanced Leadership Initiative

Professors Gergen and Kanter will serve as presenters at the tenth annual Aspen Ideas Festival, hosted by the Aspen Institute. The Festival, which takes place from June 24 to July 3, will engage an audience of over 4,000 people on issues ranging from bioengineering to the future of civil liberties. Both professors are highlighted speakers, along with Harvard University President Drew Faust, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, actor Robert De Niro, and climate change activist Al Gore. The Festival will post video and audio clips on its website and YouTube channel, and will tweet and post updates on Twitter and Facebook.

Read more:  
http://www.aspenideas.org/
http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1921683

> continued
During Harvard’s 363rd Commencement was held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, Professor Khurana was introduced as the new Dean of Harvard College.

On January 22, Professor Khurana, was named Dean of Harvard College. Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) Dean Michael D. Smith, who announced the appointment in an email to the FAS community, praised Khurana as a scholar and teacher with deep experience working with undergraduates and a strong commitment to the College. “Rakesh is a distinguished scholar of organizational behavior and leadership, an award-winning teacher, and a dynamic House Master who has also deeply engaged with undergraduate issues on important committees.

Professor Ogletree was awarded an honorary doctorate from Claflin University, where he also delivered the Commencement address. In his speech, Ogletree reminded graduates to remember and honor the civil rights icons who laid the foundations for a more just society, and to positively contribute to the University’s legacy.

This Commencement season, Ogletree also delivered speeches at Fisk University in Tennessee and Delaware State University.

Read more:
http://pridepublishinggroup.com/pride/2014/05/02/fisk-commencement-speakerscarla-harris-and-charles-ogletree/

http://www.claflin.edu/commencement/2014-commencement-week-highlights

http://www.desu.edu/news/charles-ogletree-obama-mentor-be-may-commencement-speaker
Message from the Chair

With Cross-Cohort Exchange just behind us, it is an ideal time to reflect on six years of Advanced Leadership - spanning 2009 to present - resulting in the growing network of AL Fellows, friends, colleagues, and connections that you see today. We would like to express our deep appreciation for the generosity of donors, whose contributions have allowed us to create this robust community of AL Fellows – past, present and into the future. We also thank our current cohort for their hard work throughout the year, and Past AL Fellows for coming to Harvard to give of their time and provide insight and advice to the current cohort.

As 2014 AL Fellows scatter around the world following their cohort-specific field visit to Denver, we wish them and all of you in the ALI community, a safe and satisfying summer.

Rosabeth Moss Kanter
Chair and Director,
Advanced Leadership Initiative
Ernest L. Arbuckle Professor of Business Administration
Harvard University

ELECTRONIC nomination INFORMATION

Below is a link to electronic nomination information. The file contains key facts about the Fellowship, lists of Fellows to date, faculty leaders, and a response form. We hope you will keep this nomination information on file and refer candidates.

If you would like a hard copy of this nomination information, please contact Fellowship Director John Kendzior (john_kendzior@harvard.edu; direct phone 617-496-2452) or any of the ALI staff (main office phone 617-496-5479) will be glad to assist you.


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