

Libbedin

Come celebrate your return to **Yale** and your first day of classes with the **Libs** in the **Silliman Dining Hall** on **Monday January 13th** at **5:30**. The **Libs** will be in the back left of the dining, and will be happy to welcome both new and familiar faces at the start to the semester.

^This will definitely NOT be a problem at our **Lib** dinner

Later on **Monday**, The liberal party will have a **Bluebooking** event for the semester. Come to **Farnam B02** at **10:00pm** to talk about all the different classes you are shopping, and how to finalize your schedule with us.

On **Wednesday**, the **Yale Political Union** at 7:30 will have its first debate of the semester with **Richard Revesz**, Dean Emeritus of NYU Law School on RESOLVED: PUT A PRICE ON CARBON in **LC 102**. Some questions to think about are: To whom does the air belong? Is increasing regulation better than creating a market for carbon? Is all carbon created equal? If anyone is interested in speaking, just email **Simon Brewer**, the new floor leader of the left at simon.brewer@yale.edu

This **Thursday** at 7:30 the **Liberal Party**, in the **Pierson Common Room**, will have its first discussion of the semester on **WHY SHOULD WE BE TOLERANT?** Feel free to come check us out and share your opinions.

Even cats and dogs have fun on Saturdays

For your first **Lib of the Week**, we have me, **Kenneth Jackson**, your incredibly humble, modest, wonderful and spectacular secretary.

Likes: pizza, apples, grapes, fruit in general, golf, Ke\$ha, tennis, football (the real one), funny cartoons, parrots, math, Brazil, rice and beans, Liberals, The West Wing, 30 Rock, traveling, Project Runway, Casablanca, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep, and Pride and Prejudice.

Dislikes: Olives, mushrooms, eggplant, not sleeping, football (the not real one), airports, shoveling snow, raking leaves, all insects except ladybugs.

Fun Fact: My parents considered naming me Apollo

Even if you haven't come to many Lib events recently, I hope to see you around this semester. Have a great shopping period!

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Hopefully you are all finishing your shopping, and getting excited for the second week of Lib Events.

On **Monday**, we will have our **LIB DINNER** at **5:30pm** in the **Silliman Dining Hall**. Come eat, drink and be merry with us in the back left of the dining hall.

I'm trying Weight Watchers, so all I do is stare at food.

THEN, This **Tuesday** in **LC 102**, stop by to debate **RESOLVED: Government must provide universal housing** with Newark City Councilman **Darrin Sharif**. Contact the FLL, Simon Brewer

at simon.brewer@yale.edu if you are interested in speaking. It's sure to be a great debate!

Join us in the **Pierson Common Room** at **7:30** this **Thursday!** We will be discussing **Should we marry?**

Is it a good societal construct? Is marriage old-fashioned? Are long-term monogamous relationships the ideal ones? Can we divorce marriage from its religious history?

Here's an overview of rights given to married couples: <http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/an-overview-of-federal-rights-and-protections-granted-to-married-couples>

Civil marriage in Lebanon: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/03/10/the-middle-east-fight-for-civil-marriage/1Tkk16DyemRYsw4uC0b2TL/story.html>

Article against Marriage:

http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx_factor/2013/04/09/the_case_against_marriage_a_ring_doesn_t_define_a_relationship.html

And finally a quotation from Love and Death:

"To love is to suffer. To avoid suffering one must not love. But then one suffers from not loving. Therefore, to love is to suffer; not to love is to suffer; to suffer is to suffer.

To be happy is to love. To be happy, then, is to suffer, but suffering makes one unhappy. Therefore, to be unhappy, one must love or love to suffer or suffer from too much happiness. I hope you're getting this down."

Movie Night!

On **Friday** the 24th, in the **Saybrook TV room**, come watch a special movie surprise with us. You won't be disappointed that you came.

This just in: one of the new residential colleges will have a drive in movie-theater!

Lib of the Week: Eliza Scruton

Likes: rubber ducks, Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., abstract minimalist poetry, existentialism, webcomics, whiskey, contemplating mortality, comprehensive sex education, oolong tea, blues music, Tommy Wiseau, sharknadoes, tasteful body modifications, pessimism, Snapchat, Derby pie, Rammstein, the color turquoise, Fig Newtons, limes, Hunter S. Thompson, social democracy, having opposable thumbs, manatees, puppies, fire, coconuts, ironically reading *Cosmo*, Gumby, surrealism, horror movies from the 70's, crushed ice, John Yarmuth, Teen Girl Squad!

Dislikes: wearing pants, sticky tack, possums, relentless cheeriness, Jules Verne, slam poetry, censorship, the anti-vaccine movement, the northeastern United States, grammatical prescriptivism, TED talks, Mac computers, wintry mixes, *Toddlers and Tiaras*, sales tax, Starbucks, Urban Outfitters, fraying wires, milk, Indiana, merging onto the highway, Tumblr, Instagram, Mitch McConnell, Katy Perry, showers with poor water pressure

Fun fact: 10-year-old Eliza is in an HBO Family documentary entitled *The Music in Me: The Leopards Take Manhattan*.

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This magical **Monday**, come to our weekly **LIB DINNER** at **5:30pm** Where you ask? **Silliman Dining Hall** of course. We will be in the back left of the hall.

Dinner Meets Liberal Thinking

Tuesday in **WLH 119** at **7:30pm**, we will debate with **Pete Holmes**, an attorney from Seattle and former chair of the Seattle Police department's Citizen Oversight Board, on **RESOLVED: Cities Should Refuse to Enforce Federal Drug Laws** Contact Simon Brewer, the floor leader of the left, by sending an email to simon.brewer@yale.edu if you want to speak.

At 7:30pm this **Thursday!** in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will be discuss **What do we owe our country?**

Is our mere presence in a geographical location enough to warrant loyalty? Or love? Does being born in or having citizenship in a place mean that we have a duty to them? Or is the fact that we enjoy the benefits of a state enough to mean that we then have to contribute to it? What is the significance of the pledge of allegiance?

Here's the text of the original pledge of allegiance: <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

Jury Duty Survival Guide: <http://www.nytimes.com/1993/10/10/nyregion/when-jury-duty-calls.html?pagewanted=all&src=pm>

Play tax trivia on the website of the IRS:

http://apps.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/student/whys_thm01_les01.jsp#taxTrivia

And finally consider Gilbert and Sullivan:

http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/The_Pirates_of_Penzance

SERGEANT: On your allegiance we've a stronger claim.
We charge you yield, we charge you yield,
In Queen Victoria's name!
PIRATE KING: (baffled) You do?
POLICE: We do!
We charge you yield,
In Queen Victoria's name!
(PIRATES kneel, POLICE stand over them triumphantly.)
PIRATE KING: We yield at once, with humbled mien,
Because, with all our faults, we love our Queen.

And the Republican working for the President on the West Wing

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX9L8sYdXSs>

Pepe's Pizza!

On **Friday** at **4:30pm** in front of **Phelp's Gate**, come join us while we go eat delicious prize winning pizza. It will be yummy, it will be joyous, and the portions will be liberal.

"Why are we at Sally's?, we should have gone to Pepe's."-not us

Lastly, also on **Friday**, the **YPU** is hosting a **Happy Hour** in the **Saybrook-Branford Room** at **9pm.**

Lib of the Week: Nate Rein

Likes: kayaking, skiing, Russian lit, the NBA, immunology, the pit of the donut, the Amtrak Northeast Regional and Hiawatha services, the Sierra Club, ambient electronic music, the BWCAW, frofing, Summerfest, stream-of-consciousness writing, snapbacks, Godzilla films, hip-hop, deep fried _____ on a stick, public parks, Ivy Noodle, the brain room, stepping out of your last exam at sunset and feeling gentle waves of relief lap on the shoreline of your soul, Walgreens.

Dislikes: NYC, the Silliman dining hall line, the Amtrak Cardinal service, styrofoam, the insides of pumpkins, the fact that Wisconsin's governor didn't finish college, the Energizer bunny, Cornell, Apple, the suburbs, modern country music, erectile dysfunction ads.

Indifferent towards: cute animals, chocolate, Radiohead

Fun Fact: there has been a chipped-off piece of bone in his right tibia for 5 years

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Come this **Monday** to our **LIB DINNER** in the **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm** We will be in the back left of the dining. Feel free to share Super Bowl watching, or Freshman Screw stories

^For this I would watch!

Then this **Tuesday** in **LC 102**, there will be a debate you will not want to miss. **Charles Murray**, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and a libertarian thinker and author will be coming to debate **RESOLVED: Welfare Corrodes Culture** If you now feel motivated enough to speak, contact Simon Brewer, the floor leader of the left by sending an email to simon.brewer@yale.edu

"Bad News, the OED refused to change the definition of welfare from 'the maintenance of members of a group or community in a state of (esp. physical and economic) well-being'"

At 7:30 this **Thursday!** in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will be discuss **What should happen to our belongings when we die?**

Should all our things go to the state? Or can we choose to whom to give them? Is the estate tax fair? Are cash valuations arbitrary? Does being able to give inheritances providing motivation for people to work hard?

Ways to avoid the Estate Tax:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/infographics/2013-09-12/how-to-preserve-a-family-fortune-through-tax->

[tricks.html](#)

Read about the current estate tax levels:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estate_tax_in_the_United_States

Now hear Warren Buffett talk about the estate tax:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRUvigl_Hj0

KARAOKE!!! カラオケ

On **Friday** at **9:37pm** in the **Saybrook TV Room** come sing your heart out with catchy pop songs, fun rap songs, and beautiful ballads!!! We'll sing all night cause we all know "We can't stop!"

^My dream job

Lib of the Week: Matthew Massie!

Likes: West Virginia, Kshama Sawant, marijuana legalization, Slovakia, *The Monitor*, cartography, the WVU Mountaineers, pepperoni rolls, *The Shining*, ironic Soviet nostalgia, Martin Luther, Jack Daniel's, Kanye West, *Pet Sounds*, Dmitri Shostakovich, left nationalism, *Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World*, meat, chinos, Lyndon B. Johnson, Taco Bell, *The Wire*, Richard Nixon impressions, Thanksgiving, socialism, Catalonia before the Spanish Civil War, eggnog, *Breaking Bad*, Wellesley College, The Milk, the Cleveland Browns.

Dislikes: rain, the Pitt Panthers, non-ironic Soviet nostalgia, the Republican Party, eggs, French universalism, canker sores, libertarians, country music, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Coldplay,

Ronald Reagan, Instagram, young adult fiction, Freedom Industries, climate change denial, suburbia, West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, Ayn Rand, South Carolina, super rich kids, quickness to anger, diner food.

Fun fact: Matthew has never owned a pet of any sort.

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This **Monday** come to **LIB DINNER** in the **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm** We will be in the back left of the dining. Come talk about the Gardner White Prize debate, the end of the Right and of course, Valentine's Day.

This **Tuesday** at **7:30** in **WLH 119**, we will have our Annual Gardner White Prize debate on **RESOLVED: EAT THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT** Anyone and everyone can and should sign up to speak and potentially win a **prize!** (Did I mention there's a prize?) Here's the link to sign

up: <https://docs.google.com/a/yale.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dG51SiZkc2xrTFBpQUhDb01mVkotUXc6MA>

Even if you choose not to speak (I don't know why that would be), come hear most of your fellow Libs speak!

Who says science and creationism can't coëxist?

At **7:30pm** this **Thursday!** in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will be having our **JOKE DEBATE** on **Resolved: Slaughter the Right**

Should we allow their corporeal existence to continue? What is the appropriate method to use? Can exemptions be made for family members? Or is there some kind of, I don't know, intrinsic value to human life??? Is any law ordering the slaughtering of the right unconstitutionally vague?

Here's Scalia on the perils of unconstitutional vagueness:

<http://ricochet.com/main-feed/Justice-Scalia-on-The-Lazy-Congress-and-Vague-Laws>

Read about how Descartes believes in the Mind-Body Distinction...

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/descmind/>

Article by Political Science Professor at Johns Hopkins on Violence

<http://chronicle.com/article/Why-Violence-Works/140951/>

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(I wonder what Special Day is this week!)

This **Saturday** at **9:09pm** in Location TBA, come make creative **Valentines** with the Liberal Party, and watch a funny romantic

comedy. I can't imagine a better way to spend **the day after** Valentine's Day :)

Kitty???

Lib of the Week: Joe Haberman

Likes: Bridges, Emma Goldman, Washington DC, Dostoevsky, Russia, uncalled-for sarcastic remarks, squirrels, slabbets, cheering enthusiastically for arbitrarily-chosen sides at sporting events, John Lennon, Tofu Pad Thai, Chomsky, surrealism, documentaries, chess, Ralph Nader, fight club (both the book and movie), Trotsky (pre-pickaxe), Soviet music, the words "absurd" and "indubitably," Regina Spektor, Georgia (the country), cherry blossoms, optimistic nihilism, Risk, scarves, trains, Howard Zinn, surrealism, Wes Anderson, porches, Bertrand Russel, art museums, The Paris Commune, Putin (sarcastically), Hobbes the Tiger, making a fool of myself in front of a healthy mix of friends, strangers and casual acquaintances, Marx, Team Wombat, Richard Dawkins, Bulat Okudzhava, blueberry pie, peanut butter cookies,

Dislikes: Milk, Ayn Rand, Tuesdays, organized religion, boredom, Republicans, meat products, Apple and Google's slow takeover of the world (in which I quite complacently partake), Franken chicken, Robert

Mugabe, Jingoism, Georgia (the state), tofurkey, getting out of bed, Burke, Camels, people who don't like bridges, Putin (non-sarcastically), Hobbes the Theologian, hierarchy and coercion, deadlines, the lack of states' rights for DC, irrational drug laws, complacency, all irrational laws, permanence,

Fun Fact: His lifelong grudge with the camels began a few years back when one bit him at a petting zoo in Reston, VA.

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This **Tuesday** in **LC 102** at **7:30pm** the **YPU** will debate **RESOLVED: FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY WITH SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN AID**

If you feel inclined to speak, contact Simon Brewer, the floor leader of the left by sending an email to simon.brewer@yale.edu

On **Wednesday**, in the **Branford Pit** at **5:30pm**,

we will have our Jonathan Brewster Bingham (**JBB**) forum with Assistant Professor Eitan D. Hersh, a political scientist who focuses on American politics, voting and technology. Come and ask questions about the relationships between social media and political power!

Then at **7:30pm** this **Thursday!** in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will discuss **Is simple language the best political language?**

Are some ideas too complex to be easily described by common vocabulary? Do those ideas have value or meaning? Is a certain amount of knowledge required to partake in political discourse? How should we best communicate our ideas to others?

Watch this TedTalk clip on the power of simple language:

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-power-of-simple-words>

Read this paper about Political Language and Reality by a Professor from U of Wisconsin, Madison

<http://ed-share.educ.msu.edu/scan/te/danagnos/te9201a.pdf>

Read George Orwell's essay on unnecessary complications in political language

http://www.orwell.ru/library/essays/politics/english/e_polit

-I have realized that in the due course of time, our mutual cohabitation would no longer be mutually beneficial as to the categorical differences in our empirical desires and beliefs, that would, in the long run, cause our union to be fraught with conflicting aims and views, inevitably resulting in verbal manifestation of mutual dissatisfaction, that would have negative consequences on our emotional well being. Let me say it this way,
I'm dumping you.

Then at **9:30pm** this **Friday** in **TBA** there will be
a **YPU** Wet Debate. Come celebrate the end of the **week** with us!

I do hope we don't get wet!

Lastly, this **Saturday**, come and explore the **Yale University Art Gallery** with the Liberal Party. Whether you have already explored every inch of the museum, or if this would be your first trip, join us as there's a treasure trove of fascinating works to be explored, and new perspectives to be gained no matter how many times you visit.

Abstract geometric art is my favorite!

Lib of the Week: Daniel Giraldo

Likes: Real Madrid, anyone playing against Barcelona, fried red snapper, bandeja paisa, the New York Yankees, the Miami heat, Cristiano Ronaldo, Nietzsche, universal health care, The Stranger, Chipotle, Falcao, Shakira, Radiohead, Wilco, Kanye West esp. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, The Cure, "Synecdoche, New York," 500 days of Summer, the Godfather, almost anything by Scorsese, anything by Quentin Tarantino, quoting Pulp Fiction, THE WENZEL, Colombian empanandas

Dislikes: Boston Red Sox, Barcelona, Sergio Busquets, that penalty Sergio Ramos took against Bayern Munich, Kevin Garnett, 24 hour news channels, that people don't see that Pink Floyd is clearly overrated

Fun fact: He used to know all of the lyrics to Katy Perry's album Teenage Dream

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Are you going to the **Lib** Dinner, I hear it's going to be delicious!

Then **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **LC 102**, the **YPU** will debate with Dr. Brittney Cooper, Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University, co-founder of The Crunk Feminist Collective, and author on **RESOLVED: Hold Popular Art Responsible for its Politics**

Contact Simon Brewer, the floor leader of the left, if you want to speak by sending an email to simon.brewer@yale.edu

And this model comes moral hazard free

Thursday 7:30pm in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will discuss **Should we indoctrinate our children?**

If we indoctrinate our children, does it allow people on the right to do the same? Should we present every child with a neutral and impartial view of every issue? Is this even possible? Should we present a moral view of the world to our children?

Article about why Liberals Shouldn't Homeschool:

http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/doublex/2012/02/homeschooling_and_unschooling_among_liberals_and_progressives_.html

Study of Teens Politics in relation to their parents

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/14515/teens-stay-true-parents-political-perspectives.aspx>

Article about Liberal Children Born to conservative children

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/363082/conservative-parents-left-wing-children-dennis-prager>

Always remember that redistribution of resources is the fairest way to even the playing field so everyone has a chance to go down the slide.

Back after being postponed last week: This **Friday**, at **2:30pm**, come and explore the **Yale University Art Gallery** with the Liberal Party. We'll meet each other on the benches by the museum entrance. Come and discuss the artwork, and explore the many artistic treasures found in the museum.

It's better than the Guggenheim, in my opinion!

Lib of the Week: Mitchell Weldon

Likes: Barbara Jordan, chewing on writing utensils (at least he noticed his unconscious does), San Francisco, The Master and Margarita, Haiti, cats, Elizabeth Warren, comfort foods, thrift clothes, Jacques Roumain, the Dallas Mavericks, 90's TV shows, Southern food, A Sand County Almanac, decently sized bagels, ridiculous sweaters, Pan's Labyrinth, Christmas, mass transit systems, Lyon, peanut butter, dancing with no remorse, sleep, the Kimbell Art Museum, the New York which exists in his mind, Patrice Lumumba, old Hungarian people, Bernie Sanders, walking outside when it's just barely raining, Pope Francis, Whataburger, Free Jazz Thursdays at the DMA, Mayan Revival Architecture, The Age of Empires series, pistachios, Dutch Landscape paintings (windmills), Shutter Island, sustainable agriculture.

Dislikes: His state senators, lays original, Spartans, ManU, Woodrow Wilson, mean people, Fox with Friends, Cheese Nips, Reagan worshippers, Abercrombie, waking up, Avatar (the movie), eugenics, mosquitoes, soggy cereal, Citizens United, 635, Bhutan, the current minimum wage, smacking lips while eating, recurring colds, oppression, 90's fashion.

Fun Fact: He had a childhood obsession with duckboats; the shining achievement of his infancy was being allowed to drive one for a few seconds.

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Come back soon!

Later on **Monday**, at 7:00pm in the **Branford Trumbull Room**, come to a **Teach In** roundtable discussion with Students Unite Now on the issue of financial aid at Yale, low-income students and how we can work to improve it in the future

^Let's make this process the best possible!

Tuesday in **SSS 114**, the **YPU** will debate with Dr. Brenda Ekwurzel, a senior climate scientist with the Climate and Energy Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, on **RESOLVED: Scientists Should be Political**

(This is your LAST chance to sign in and out with the Liberal Party before the midterm)

If you should desire to speak, email Simon Brewer, the floor leader of the left, by sending an email to simon.brewer@yale.edu

Then **Thursday** at **7:00pm** in the JE seminar room, the Liberal Party will toast. Come join us for this Liberal Party Tradition!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-wMu4I_GaE

^Toasting Clip

Lib of the Week: Emaline Kelso

Likes: coffee, diner food, Berlin, costume jewelry, entropy, the syntactic cynicism of "sweet nothings," family, train & bus rides, ephemera, 'Patons Shetland Chunky Yarn, Biscuit,' feelings, authenticity, lipstick stains, birds' nests, Infy, semi-performative intellectualism, espresso, #unironicuseofhashtag, tactile expressions of affection, uncertainty, street art, fancy old keys (sans-locks), radical egalitarian socialism, cappuccinos, tomfoolery, weezer, life as act of self-parody, snow, the etymology of Istanbul, poppies and lilac, lattes, disability theory, rambling, Mass MoCA, A Humument, mochas, argument,

Dislikes: Robert Nozick, slow pedestrians, tomatoes, The Family, rigid concepts of the normal, dignity, performative formality, wearing pants, loneliness, taking advice, disliking things, the manic pixie dream girl trope, preemptive nostalgia, strobe lights, Amtrak, menstruation, 'Patons Shetland Chunky Yarn, Oxford Blue,' introductory microeconomics,

Fun Fact: when she was like 4 she started taking taekwondo lessons for a while and my instructor thought she was a prodigy and would go on to be incredibly amazing at it (she did not)

**Have a great Break!!
(message me a bunch!)**

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Then **Tuesday** in **WLH 119** at **7:30pm**, the **YPU** will have its **Party Prize Debate** on **Resolved: This House Prefers Odysseus to Aeneas** Come root for **Lib** Seniors Francisco Diez and Nicholas Styles, who will be representing the party.

At 7:30pm this **Thursday!** in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will discuss **Should schools have gifted programs?**

Does leveling make it harder for certain students to get a good education? Is some leveling required so that gifted students excel? If so, when should it start? Should equality in education be our goal?

Come discuss these questions and more and read the following resources!

Read this article about the resurgence of ability grouping:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/10/education/grouping-students-by-ability-regains-favor-with-educators.html?action=click&module=Search®ion=searchResults%230&version=&url=http%3A%2F%2Fquery.nytimes.com%2Fsearch%2Fsite%2Fsearch%2F%3Faction%3Dclick%26region%3DMasthead%26pgtype%3DHomepage%26module%3DSearchSubmit%26contentCollection%3DHomepage%26t%3Dqry236%23%2Ftracking%2Beducation%2F&r=0>

A chapter from a book against tracking:

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/108013/chapters/What-Tracking-Is-and-How-to-Start-Dismantling-It.aspx>

And an article in the Washington Post in favor of leveling:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2013/06/07/why-grouping-students-by-ability-makes-sense/>

Books are fun to read!

Game Night!

On **Friday** at **9:04pm** in TBA come unleash your strategic and fun side as we play all sorts of games from UNO to Settlers of Catan. It should be an awesome night full of shocking moves and comebacks.

Lib of the Week: Evan Linn

Likes: Josef Sudek, lemon juice, John Singer Sargent, sitting in cafés for too long, burnt toast, William James, accompanying jazz on drum set, making distinctions, *Gilmore Girls*, purple, stripes

Dislikes: Wes Anderson, clutter, Berlin, melon, hero worship, inconsistency, the layout of the *New York Times* website, substitutions of the hyphen for the dash, reading maps, driving

Fun fact: He [used to be](#) an administrator of Wikipedia. Then he stopped editing, so they made him a normal user again. So this fact really isn't that fun. He needs a better go-to fun fact.

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Goodbye to March!

Tuesday in **Sudler Hall** at **7:30pm**, the **YPU** will debate **Dean Mary Miller**, the Dean of Yale College and Sterling Professor of History of Art on **Resolved: Yale Should Give Up the Liberal Arts**. This debate should be very interesting, so come and watch it with the Libs!

^Yale Parents

This **Thursday!** At **6:00pm** (Please note the change in time)
in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will discuss **How
should we gentrify our neighborhoods?**

Are there places Liberals should or should not live? Should we be conscious of culture difference between neighborhoods and how we affect it? How much should we try to resist gentrification, or can we do anything about it at all?

Read this article about gentrification in New Haven:

http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/hill_to_downtown/

A YDN article in support of gentrification:

<http://yaledailynews.com/blog/2012/01/27/fisher-a-defense-of-gentrification/>

NYT article about rising rents in Brooklyn:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/10/realestate/moving-deeper-into-brooklyn-for-lower-home-prices.html?_r=0

and an interesting take on development in Rio for the Olympics

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/179077/brazils-world-cup-gentrification-through-barrel-gun>

^Should we buy from this food stand?

YPU Happy Hour!

On **Friday** at **9:00pm** in the **Saybrook Branford Room**, the YPU will have a Happy Hour. Happiness is good. So go to the Happy Hour!

Lib of the Week: Jacob Neis

Likes: Tchaikovsky 6, The New York Times, to-do lists, hiking, George Orwell, getting up early, group theory, PowerPoints, cheesecake, *The Once and Future King*, sleeping on moving vehicles, David Sedaris, Frisbee, back massages, mountains, hoarfrost, Ian McKellen at all ages, the Ocean, Debussy's *La Mer*, tater tots, Douglas Hofstadter, footie pajamas, Taboo, structure, Chopin, Ernest Hemingway's short stories, biking before the Sun rises, walking through cities at night in the rain, Michael Chabon, dressing up

Dislikes: Prezis, meat eating, pumpkin pie, most rap, Milton Friedman, network news, the fact that his childhood is over, Shia LaBeouf at all ages, the Minnesota State Fair, Malcolm Gladwell, going to bed late, Vivaldi minus the *Four Seasons*, people complaining about school work, hypocrisy, spoiled coffee (i.e., not black), Ernest Hemingway's novels, Risk, hackneyed TV plots, pennies, weed smell, his inability to fly, Schoenberg, solipsism, football (both kinds), airplane smell, the two-party system, pantsuits, bad Chinese food

Fun Fact: During his angsty junior high phase, Jacob played keys for the rock band *Live off the Rhyme* over the course of a summer. They played a total of two gigs before splitting up over "artistic differences."

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Secretary of the Liberal Party

Libbedin

Our weekly **LIB DINNER** will be in the back left of the **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm** this **Monday**. Come talk about frosholympics, discuss how nice Spring is, and get excited for Dixwell Day

Only 2 years until Rio de Janeiro hosts the Summer games!

Tuesday in **LC 102** at **8:00pm**, (Note the different time) the **YPU** will debate **Bill Kristol**, the neoconservative founder of The Weekly Standard, former aide in the Reagan and Bush administrations, and former professor of political science at UPenn and Harvard on **Resolved: The World Needs a Strong America**. This is one of two remaining opportunities to sign in with the Libs for the year, so come and hear this debate on America's role in the world community. Email Simon Brewer at simon.brewer@yale.edu if you would like to speak.

Saturday! beginning at **2:30pm**, The Liberal Party will have **Dixwell Day**, our reunion for Lib alumni in a location TBA where we will discuss **Should Everyone Work?**

Is work a means or an end? How should society treat people with disabilities? Is leisure a respectable goal in life?

Why not play ball now?

Lib of the Week: Sarah Gionvanniello

Likes: Caribbean literature, silk scarves, tattoos, themed parties, fake diamonds, revolutions, electro swing, electropop, hip hop, leftist anarchists, stealing gavels, existentialism (sometimes), Animal Crossing, slang, hypocrisy.

Dislikes: Memorizing verb tenses, grammatical prescriptivism, monarchists/brocialists, squash of all types, real diamonds, stealing banners, nihilism, sunburn, hypocrisy.

Fun fact: Sometimes when Sarah sits on couches, her feet do not touch the ground.

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LIB DINNER will be in the back left of the **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm** this **Monday**. Come catch up with some friendly faces and talk about your plans for the coming week!

Not these faces, our faces!

Then **Wednesday** (Note the different day) in **LC 102** at **7:30pm**, the **Yale Political Union** will have a very serious student debate on **Resolved: Eat with Relish the Inner Organs of Beasts and Fowls**. Email simon.brewer@yale.edu if you would like to speak. This is the last debate to sign in and out with the Liberal Party.

Then **Thursday** at **7:30 pm**, in the **Pierson Common Room**, we will discuss **Where and what should safe spaces be?**

What should safe spaces look like? Where should we have them? For whom should we have them?

Should space be a safe space?

Then on **Friday** the **Liberal Party** will have its New York trip!
We'll meet promptly at **6:45 am** at Phelps gate to go to the train station. It's going to be a great and fun trip and the weather should be great!

^Look at the price!

Lib of the Week: Adrian Lo

This time of the year...

Likes: Opposable Thumbs, penguins, tea, [Slavoj Zizek](#), gavels, J.S. Bach, Manchester United, Haitian Revolution, Simon & Garfunkel, beer, Paul Klee, avantgarde cinema, Walter Benjamin, Wong Kar-wai, Mondrian, walking through cities, public transport, metric system, cute animals, photography

Dislikes: Stuffed Tigers, technocrats, Charles Saatchi (and his art gallery), people who dislike continental philosophy, guns, Hollywood, Manchester City, Chelsea F.C., gentrification, Grand Strategy, [Alfalfa](#), Saybrook dining, Goldman Sachs, American "foot"ball, NSA, the line for "aliens" in American airports, determinism, small talk, month-date-year, pretense of objectivity

Fun Fact: He has "met" the "longest-serving" head of state in the world, the Eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who still holds this official title while lying in state.

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This **TUESDAY** (note the different day) at **5:30pm** in the back left of the **Silliman Dining Hall**, the Liberal Party will have its FINAL **LIB DINNER** of the Semester. Come say goodbye to us and hello to some prefrosh! (Hopefully)

[GOODBYE!](#)

^Check out this video^

Tuesday in **SSS 114** at **8:30pm**, the **Yale Political Union** will have its final, Bulldog Days, Debate on **Resolved: The Media Ought Ignore Politicians' Private Lives** with Bob Woodward, former reporter for *The Washington Post*, current associate editor, writer, and professor at Yale. He is best known for helping to break the Watergate Scandal. Following the debate there will be a Bulldog Days Reception!!

Then **Wednesday** at 7:30 pm, in the **Branford Trumbull Room**, we will have our final, Bulldog Days discussion on **So, You Say You Want a Revolution?**

Who should revolt? Is it better to work within a system than try to replace it? Should violence be part of a revolution? Do revolutions ever attain their goals? The social contract?

[Article in the Washington Post](#)

[Top-10-revolutions-felt-around-the-world/](#)

[Revolution-is-bad-for-business](#)

Then on **Thursday**, we will have our final **JBB** Forum
with **Professor John Roemer** at **1:00 pm** in the Morse
Fellows Lounge to discuss climate change. Come ask questions of this
professor of political science and economics!

^Poor Puppy

Final Lib of the Week: Francisco Diez

Likes:

GA Cohen, John Roemer, Michelle Bachelet, Gabriel García Márquez, Analytic Socialism, head scratches, ties, pocket squares, button-downs, pet birds, Hedgehogs, London, mole sauce, occasionally being a curmudgeon, Simon Bolivar, Rosa Luxemburg, fútbol, FC Barcelona, Tottenham Hotspur, Thomas Piketty, Rafael Correa, Pablo Neruda, nostalgia, the usage of the term American for things relating to the American continent, Guayasamín, onions, mangoes, Kevin Spacey, the Liberal Party

Dislikes:

Neoliberalism, neoconservatism, the very idea of his stuff getting stolen (due to his risk-averse Mexican upbringing not his, numerous Unitedstatesian political institutions, Sc credits, Foxes, the usage of the word "American" for anything related to the United States, high school memories, anywhere that *isn't* Ecuador (true from November 1st, 2012 to April 14, 2014), the Chicago and Austrian Schools of Economics and most academics that have surfaced from their bowels, people who dislike people who dislike Continental Philosophy, low computer battery

Fun Fact: His full name is Francisco Andrés Juan Pablo Díez Buzo

It's been a pleasure and an honor writing all these fun colorful emails and being Secretary this semester.
Have wonderful and glorious breaks!

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