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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBInal Message #1

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# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE

*And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

After a summer that seemed to stretch into oblivion, we are back to what hopes to be a liberatingly progressive year here with the Libs. As I struggle through the heat, bemoaning the lack of air conditioning whilst hauling Ikea furniture up the steps, my spirits are raised by the prospect of yet another year of enlightenment, discussion, and the general awesomeness that is the Liberal party!



*We are all ready to roll back in style.*

“But what is the Liberal Party?” you fresh faced friends may ask, new to the ways of the Left at Yale. Besides being the best party of the Yale Political Union, we are a progressive political organization that promotes discussion over debate, as the important issues are better discussed, not resolved. We are a community that puts our ideas into action through activism. But, the Libs are better explained through experience than words, and luckily you have the chance to see all of us in our Liberal glory at this week's full calendar of events!

**MONDAY**, August the 31<sup>st</sup> we will host weekly **LIBERAL PARTY DINNER** at **YORKSIDE** at **5PM** where we can gulp down all those milkshakes you have been missing over the summer.



*Moose tracks milkshake, here I come...*

Later this **MONDAY**, at **10PM** we will convene for **BLUEBOOKING** over snacks at our most lovely Ariel's suite in **SILLIMAN L01**. Should you take four classes? Five? Ten? Are you desperately trying to fill distributional requirements? We can help! I will be enlisting the help of all the lovely libs to teach me how to bluebook. DS might have eliminated my stresses last year, but it failed to prepare me for the struggle that is shopping period.



*How I feel during shopping period.*

**WEDNESDAY**, September 2nd we will come together for the first discussion of the year, **"WHAT AND WHERE SHOULD SAFE SPACES BE?"** in a location **TBA**. What are the effects of safe spaces? How do safe spaces protect different minority groups? Do safe spaces reinforce inequality? Who should have safe spaces? Do safe spaces harm progress?

[Here](#) is an article in support of safe spaces as a product of systematic ineptness. There are a slew of articles opposing safe spaces, like [this one](#) from the New York Times.

Finally, this **FRIDAY**, September 4th after our first sorta week of the semester, we will ease our shopping woes during **HAPPY HOUR**, again in **SILLIMAN L01 at 10PM**. I am excited to hear everyone's summer stories over some lovely LIBations.



*Tunnel vision to Friday*

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**TL;DR**

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MONDAY

- 5PM DINNER AT YORKSIDE
- 10PM BLUEBOOKING SILLIMAN L01

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30PM DISCUSSION IN LOCATION TBA

FRIDAY

- 10PM HAPPY HOUR SILLIMAN L01

## **LIB OF THE WEEK**

Back by popular demand, this week's Lib of the week is none other than me, Gabrielle Diaz, your humble secretary.



*Just so you can put a face to the name.*

LIKES: alliteration, sailboats, Dr. Pepper, shouting, Mucho Mango Arizona, the smell of hairspray, public transportation, Georgia, when squirrels run really fast, Mozart, blue and white ceramics, ironing tablecloths, Leon Spain, layering, the census, black G2 pens, dark chocolate milky ways (but only the mini ones), *Howl*, and umbrellas

DISLIKES: Bach, quinoa, lemurs, modern day imperialism, Donald Trump, having to pee while driving, doing laundry, racial appropriation, Georgia politics, collard greens, unsweet tea, trucks, small dogs, and the patriarchy

Fun Fact: I can read tarot cards (and will read yours).

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

Just to mix things up this semester I will include one historical figure that embodies some sort of Lib values each week. If you have someone you would like me to feature, shoot me an email!



This week's Liberal in History is [Bayard Rustin](#); a civil rights activist who organized the March on Washington and was generally kept out of the spotlight because of his sexuality. [Here](#) is a NPR report about him (I love NPR).

Have a lovely week, and I hope to see you soon!



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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message #2

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Sun, Sep 6, 2015 at 10:20 PM

# **SUBLIB** *And now for your weekly* **INAL MESSAGE**

Lovely Libs,

As I walked back from the extracurricular fair today, munching on an assortment of free candy, I could feel a breeze run through the air, harkening the arrival of fall. For the first time this year I walked across campus without sweating and cursing the sun. I am taking this early onset of good weather as a sign: this semester is bound to be amazing. The only thing that makes me feel even more optimistic is the abundance of wonderful new freshmen I met at the bazaar today (freshmen who will no doubt bring new bouts of lively discussion to the lib floor).



*Meeting new friends epitomized.*

If you are one of those freshmen, you may be asking yourself, "What is the Liberal Party? Did I sign up for that? How many e-mail lists am I on now?" Not to worry, for you have signed up for one of the most fantastically fabulous groups at Yale. Besides being the best party of the Yale Political Union, we are a progressive political organization that promotes discussion over debate, as the most important issues are better

discussed, not resolved. We are a community that does not merely discuss, but acts upon our ideas through activist projects.

Feel like checking us out? Lucky for you, we have a jam-packed schedule of events this week for you to peruse.

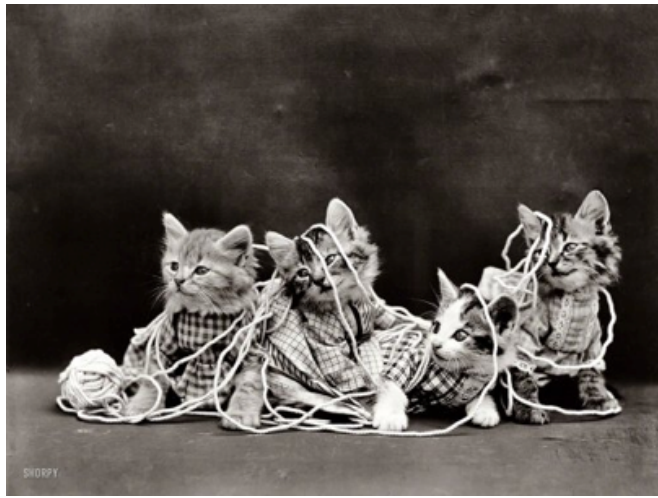
This **TUESDAY**, September 8, at **5:30PM in CALHOUN DINING HALL** we will assemble for **LIB DINNER**. I am overjoyed to continue the tradition of defiantly staring into the eyes of John C Calhoun's portrait over dinner with the most incredible Libs.



*Kittens most definitely don't like Calhoun either*

Immediately following, we will attend the **YPU ORGANIZATIONAL DEBATE** with Former US Attorney General **JOHN ASHCROFT** on the topic **RESOLVED: LIBERTY IS THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT**. What is Liberty? What is the government? What kinds of liberties should be protected in the government? We shall see after the first debate of the semester! Come sit with the Libs in the front left at **7:30PM in SSS 114**.

This **WEDNESDAY**, September 9, at **7PM in DAVIES AUDITORIUM** the Liberal Party will watch the **ALDERMANIC DEBATE**. As always, we are excited to enrich our leftist lives with a little bit of local government by watching the candidates for Ward 1 Alder face off. Most of you live in Ward 1, where the election is taking place, so this is an invaluable experience to learn about the candidates before the polls open next week. The Libs will meet at **6:40PM at PHELPS GATE** and walk over together. Hope to see you there!



*Time to get tangled up in some debate!*

In our exciting main event of the week, on **THURSDAY**, September 10, at **7PM in the BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** the Libs will discuss **IS POLICING INHERENTLY BRUTAL?** What is the purpose of the police? How can our government best protect society? How can a police system be reformed? Is violence inherent to the state? Should there be a monopoly over violence?



*It's surprising who is relenting to violence these days*

[Here](#) is an article discussing the history of the American police force as an inherently classist and racist institution. [Here](#) is an article by the always lovely Ta-Nehisi Coates. Finally, for a change of pace, [here](#) is an article about Max Weber and the police keeping their guns.

Finally, on **FRIDAY** at **10PM in BRANFORD E13** we will have **HAPPY HOUR**. I am certainly happy to talk to all the new people we met today about this week's events and the end of a second week of shopping (I perhaps will have all my classes together by then).



*Ready to party.*

## **TL;DR**

### TUESDAY:

- 5:30PM in CALHOUN for LIBERAL PARTY DINNER
- 7:30PM in SSS 114 for the YPU DEBATE

### WEDNESDAY:

- 5:40PM meet at PHELPS GATE for the ALDERMANIC DEBATE

### THURSDAY:

- 7PM in the BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM for DISCUSSION

### FRIDAY:

- 10PM in BRANFORD E13 for HAPPY HOUR

## **LIB OF THE WEEK**

This week's Lib of the week is our **MISTRESS HIGH CHAIR**, the lovely **EMALINE KELSO!!**



Likes: [The Society for Cutting Up Men](#), coffee, cuddles, empathy, glitter, w.g. sebal, live-in gal pals, Carolee Schneemann, the clitoris, roland barthes, progressive income taxes, milk, leslie feinberg, dark beer, [Hi Fashion](#) , archives

Dislikes: tomatoes, object permanence, people who wet their toothbrushes after putting the toothpaste on, skim milk, the erasure of paton's shetland chunky yarn in biscuit, anarchism, archives

Fun Fact: got into a several days-long pun battle with her father last fall, on the theme of "literary food puns." examples include "banana karenina," "the last of the mojitos," and "bagel's phenomenology of schmear-it."

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

In honor of Labor Day, this week's Liberal in History is **MOTHER JONES** (aka Mary Harris Jones).





*"The first thing is to raise hell," says I. "That's always the first thing to do when you're faced with an injustice and you feel powerless. That's what I do in my fight for the working class."*

[Mother Jones](#) was a union activist that helped found the Industrial Workers of the World. As we celebrate Labor Day and the workers of America, remember that our work still continues. In honor of Mother Jones and the others like her, let's keep raising hell!

Enjoy your week, happy Labor Day, and hope to see you at our events!

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message #3

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Sun, Sep 13, 2015 at 11:43 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

I seem to be ending my second week of shopping with a resounding sense of calm. My advisers scoffed at the reading load I had imposed upon myself and insisted I drop a class, so now I feel my schedule is strangely empty. Suddenly flooded with an excess of time, I felt light and free even as John Ashcroft confusingly vacillated over immigration, and somehow managed to remain optimistic through discussions of police brutality. Even the heat at Happy Hour (oh summer, when will you end!) couldn't get me down. Of course, in all the joy of dropping a class I forgot that I still have four others on my schedule, and find myself already behind in reading. Oh how lovely it is to be back at Yale. But, despite my reading woes, the Liberal Party continues on in all its glory, offering you a full schedule of events this week!

This **MONDAY** at **5:30** is **LIB DINNER** in **CALHOUN DINING HALL**, a weekly tradition I am always excited about as Calhoun is one of the few colleges that serves Cocoa puffs. For the sake of those Cocoa puffs I endure the rest of the dining hall (and I suppose the company of the Libs helps too).



*If only I could take the Libs with me everywhere...though maybe not in my ten foot long beard.*

This **TUESDAY** at **8:15** the Libs will join the other parties of the Union for the **YPU**

**DEBATE** with **NORMAN FINKELSEIN** on the topic **RESOLVED: END AMERICA'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL** in **SUDLER HALL, WLH**. As always, we will be in the front left, eagerly waiting for the perfect moment to tap enthusiastically.



*Some people may get a little jumpy at this debate, but we should probably just sit down, shake hands, and talk it out.*

This **THURSDAY** at **7PM** in the **BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** we will have **DISCUSSION** on the topic **SHOULD THE LEFT EMBRACE ORGANIZED RELIGION?** What kinds of institutions should be used to influence people? Is religion a necessary offshoot of the state? How should the Left promote ethics? [Here](#) is an article about faith based civics organizations in Los Angeles, [here](#) is one about engaging the left and the religious in the UK, and [here](#) is a long but interesting read about religious coercion.



*Is religion baaaad for the left, or will doing without it result in a horny situation?*

In a most exciting return to one of my favorite events of last year, this **FRIDAY** the Libs will host the **MARXIST BEACH PARTY** at **10PM** in **BERKELEY A33**. Come dressed in your favorite version of what Marx would wear to the beach, or perhaps channel young Stalin drinking a Piña Colada.



*I always try to channel Young Stalin. I wish I had hair like that.*

And finally, in a kick-off of our activism this semester, **SATURDAY** at **2:30** in front of **WLH** the Libs will meet to rate businesses for the app **AXS MAP**. **AXS Map** is an app and website that allows users to rate the accessibility of businesses. These reviews are placed on a map that handicapped individuals can use to locate accessible restaurants, stores, banks, and other locations. In an effort to make New Haven more accessible, the Libs are mapping some business close to Yale. Hope you can join us!

## TL;DR

### MONDAY:

- LIB DINNER at 5:30 in CALHOUN

### TUESDAY:

- YPU DEBATE at 8:15 in SUDLER HALL, WLH

### THURSDAY:

- DISCUSSION at 7:00 in the BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM

### FRIDAY:

- MARXIST BEACH PARTY at 10PM in BERKELY A33

### SATURDAY:

- AXS MAP EVENT meeting at 2:30 in front of WLH

## LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the Week is none other than our lovely **ARIEL MURPHY!**



Likes: puns, yelling into the void, laughing until i can't breathe, that feeling right after you sneeze when you've had to for a while, hiking boots, frizzy hair, my ~crunchy aesthetic~, caffeine rushes, unions, playing the cello, singing loudly and badly, dancing in circles, government-sponsored healthcare, Girl Scouts

Dislikes: puns, february, sitting on a wet bike seat, libertarianism, hiccups, when the void yells back, institutionalized oppression, "right-to-work" laws, flip flops whose toe-part falls out, being sick

Fun Fact: Has bungee jumped off a bridge over a river

Toothpaste/Water debate: Add water to brush, THEN add toothpaste. what are you, heathens?

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

This week's Liberal in History is a leader in one of the Libs' favorite revolutions,

### TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE



[Toussaint Louverture](#) was one of the leaders of the [Haitian Revolution](#), the only successful slave revolt in modern history. Due to his leadership, Haiti became the second independent nation in the Americas, only following the United States. [This book review](#) gives a nice summary of what an interesting character he was.

See you this week!

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Sep 20, 2015 at 11:17 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

I don't know how many of you study in Sterling regularly, but its empirical best spots are the study carrels in L&B. On beautiful days like today you can open the windows and pull up an armchair to look out into the courtyard as you do your reading. It is all terribly ambient. Understandably, these carrels are in high demand, so this morning, determined to get one, I stood in front of the door fifteen minutes before Sterling opened so I would be the first one inside and thus guaranteed a spot. However, unbeknownst to me, twenty other Yale students had the same idea. We spent the next fifteen minutes inching closer and closer to the door, then finally vaulting through it in an effort to secure the coveted seat. This is why I chose to Yale, ladies and gentlemen, to race through the library in a desperate fight for a chair by the window. Although this experience makes me question my own maturity and the maturity of everyone around me, I got the chair. So, writing this email today, I am quite pleased with myself, and can't help but be excited about the coming events. It's impossible to be moody in the best seat in the library.

This **MONDAY** at **5:30** is, as always, weekly **LIB DINNER** in **CALHOUN**. I am excited to see what gourmet meal Yale Dining has thought up this time. Tonight's ham and cheese sandwich embellished with cranberry jelly set high standards. I expect tomorrow's pasta to come with a truffle garnish, or something equally fancy.



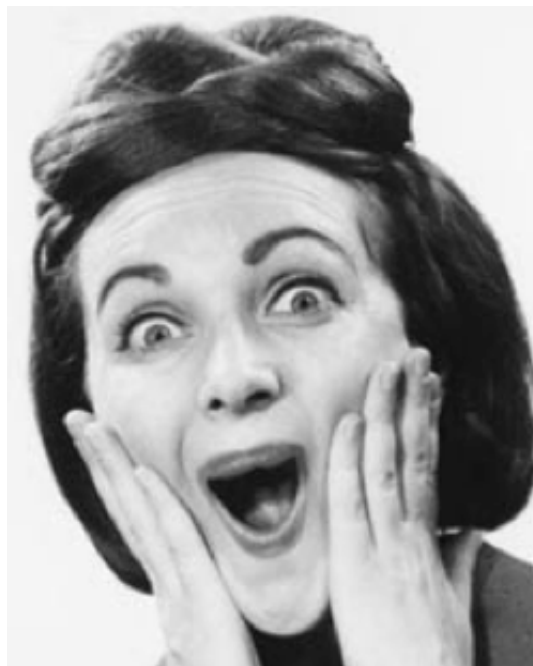
*If only Calhoun were a little more magical and a little less racist.*

Immediately following dinner, on **MONDAY** at **7:30** in **LC** the YPU will debate on the topic **RESOLVED: REJECT MARKET BASED SCHOOL REFORM with BILL AYERS**. Bill Ayers should be super entertaining, so come check it out!



*As per usual, there will be a lot of men in suits (but lets hope no men in bathing suits)*

Finally out of these turbulent first weeks, we will resume our usual time of **WEDNESDAY** at **7:30PM** for **DISCUSSION** in the **JE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM** on the topic **CAN RACE EXIST WITHOUT RACISM?** What is the definition of race? Is race historically created? How does the Left embrace cultural difference? What is the future of race in America and the world? Should we live in a color-blind society? [Here](#) and [here](#) are some articles about race as a construct, and [here](#) and [here](#) are some articles about race in Brazil.



*I'm getting pumped for more discussion.*

Finally, on **SUNDAY** the Libs will make their traditional trek to **PEPE'S PIZZA** to eat some famous New Haven Pizza. Meet us at **5PM** at **PHELPS GATE** to walk over together. This will surely be a welcome break from endless acapella shows, improve performances, and the other constant hub-ub that Family Weekend entails. Expect just plain ole pizza and conversation (isn't that all we really need?).



*There may be cannolis at the end...*

## **TL;DR**

### **MONDAY**

- 5:30 LIB DINNER in CALHOUN
- 7:30 YPU DEBATE in LC

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 7:30 DISCUSSION in JE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

### **SUNDAY**

- 5:00 PEPE'S PIZZA meeting at PHELPS GATE

## **LIB OF THE WEEK**

This week's lovely lib of the week is JEFFREY HENDRICKS



Likes: Sports teams in Michigan that aren't the Wolverines, sweaters, laughing, gum, Swedish fish, Arrested Development, hard rain, college football, baseball, sudoku, Chris Matthews' monologues, Gus Malzahn, Jeopardy!, beards, post-lunch naps, college basketball, egg nog, Ultimate Frisbee, pineapples, bite-and-suck water bottles, non-verbal communication, hugs, talking to himself, hiding in plain sight

Dislikes: Smacking sounds, flip-flops, fruit-flavored ice creams, noise and/or light when trying to sleep, cloudy days, term limits, public bathrooms, Nick Saban, Mike Trout, Brad Ausmus, pennies, American election turnout, dirty glasses, drawing, melons, being honked at, potholes

Fun Fact: Jeffrey's non-political dream career is play-by-play sports broadcaster. Sometimes, he practices using a muted TV.

Toothpaste/Water Debate: Apply toothpaste to brush. Brush. Who said water had to be involved?

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

This week's Liberal in History is PAUL ROBESON



[Paul Robeson](#) was an athlete, performer, and civil rights activist. He travelled the world giving performances and speeches about civil rights. During the McCarthy era, because of his vocal denunciations, his passport was

revoked and he was blacklisted from performing in the US. [Here](#) is a transcript from a HUAC (House Committee on Un-American activities) where Robeson lectures the judges. It's pretty awesome.

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Sep 27, 2015 at 11:04 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

I've been watching as all the people around me have started sniffing and blowing their noses, and the sight makes me cringe in fear: cold season has descended upon us. It was only a matter of time before I caught a strain of something, but I held onto a kind of optimism as I made it through the first weeks. But, at the beginning of last week, the horror of horrors occurred—the roommate got sick. As I watched our trashcans overflow with tissues, I knew it was coming. And I was right—today I woke up with a throbbing head and stuffed up nose. During the events this week, don't be surprised if you see me standing zombie-like off to the side, desperately clutching tea and tissues, my optimism replaced by a sore throat. But, for now, I write this staring up at the beautiful moon, and I can't help but be happy in spite of cough.



*The eclipse brings back memories of wanting to be an astronaut. Who didn't want to explore space as a kid?*

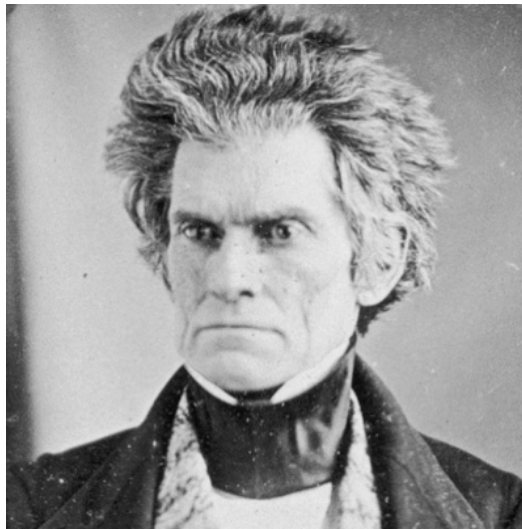
Rather predictably, this **MONDAY** at **5:30PM** is our weekly **LIB DINNER** in **CALHOUN**. It has recently come to my attention that Calhoun looks like the scary butler ghost you see in haunted house movies, making Calhoun College even stranger than it already is (sorry Calhoun folks). With all those little busts of Calhoun around, it's like I am in a horror flick.





*I probably will be too preoccupied eating to notice ghost-Calhoun though, tbh*

Continuing on the Calhoun trend, **TUESDAY** at **7:30PM** in **WLH's SUDLER HALL** the **YPU** will debate on the topic **RESOLVED: RENAME CALHOUN COLLEGE** with two of our esteemed faculty, **PROFESSOR EMILY GREENWOOD** and **PROFESSOR GERALD JAYNES**. By now we have all talked about this topic with our friends, but I for one am excited to see what new and surprising angles the Union will bring us.



*Other than the fact that Calhoun looks like he died by electrocution and now will forever roam the earth, haunting the anti-slavery world.*

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut, the Libs will join Planned Parenthood this **WEDNESDAY** in their conversation **STANDING UP FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WOMEN'S LIVES**. Come hear about women's health issues here in New England as well as women's issues in New Haven's sister city in Nicaragua, especially since the country banned abortions in 2008. We will meet at **5PM** at the **COLLEGE STREET ENTRANCE TO SILLIMAN** to walk to Planned Parenthood together.

Also on **WEDNESDAY**, the Libs will meet at **7:30** in a location **TBA** for **DISCUSSION** on the topic **SHOULD WE SCRAP THE CONSTITUTION?** What are the problems with our constitution? How should we organize our government institutions? What should be our conception of rights? Is federalism good for all people? For your reading pleasure, [here](#) is the actual constitution, [here](#) is an article about abolishing the senate,

[here](#) is an article about proportional representation, and [here](#) is an article with some ideas for new amendments. Finally [here](#) is an article in which Scalia calls the USSR Constitution better than ours, and [here](#) is the audio of the new musical *Hamilton*.



*Get rid of the constitution? What's next? The world turning upside down? Humans becoming animals and animals becoming people?*

Finally, in another traditional event, this **SATURDAY** the Libs will picnic atop New Haven's lovely **EAST ROCK**. Last time we went we met a ghost hunter inside the monument. Who knows what exciting things are in store for this visit! Meet us at **PHELPS GATE** at **10AM** to walk over together.



*Hats and floor length dresses optional, though they would certainly look good in the picture at the top.*

**TL; DR**

MONDAY:

- LIB DINNER in CALHOUN at 5:30PM

TUESDAY:

- YPU DEBATE in SUDLER HALL at 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY:

- PLANNED PARENTHOOD CONVERSATION meeting at COLLEGE STREET SILLIMAN ENTRANCE at 5PM
- DISCUSSION in a location TBA at 7:30PM

SATURDAY:

- EAST ROCK meeting at PHELPS GATE at 10AM

## LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the Week is none other than our wonderful vice chair, **MATTHEW REED MASSIE!**



Likes: socialism, Appalachia, double modals, BLTs, global wealth tax, Frederick Douglass, Irish republicanism, 1789, 1848, 1865, 1917, 1968, potato salad, self-determination, *The Monitor*, President Ulysses S. Grant, union thugs, the vegetarian Wenzel, tomorrow

Dislikes: neoliberalism, "I like everything except country and rap," Representative Alex Mooney of West Virginia's 2nd congressional district, "West Virginia isn't the South," 1876, 1896, 1929, 1979, 1989, scrambled eggs, Lawrence Lessig, geographic illiteracy, your app, the real racists, "socially liberal but fiscally conservative," President Andrew Johnson, yesterday

Fun Fact: Once during a YPU debate, Matt became so excited at the mention of former Secretary of State and three-time Democratic presidential nominee William Jennings Bryan that he shattered a Sudler Hall window pane by tapping.

Toothpaste Debate: Matt wets his toothbrush *after* applying toothpaste.

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

In honor of our upcoming trip to Planned Parenthood, our Liberal in History is feminist author and social theorist **CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN.**



[Charlotte Perkins Gilman](#) was a critic of the women's place in the family, and wrote extensively about women gaining economic independence. She suffered bouts of mental illness, and her most famous short story, [The Yellow Wall-paper](#), documents her treatment in a sanitarium.

See y'all this week!

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Sun, Oct 4, 2015 at 10:16 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

It's that time of year again: midterms have descended upon us. Looking over the study guides, I'm regretting watching cooking videos during all of my Astrobiology lectures (the recipe for one-pot Cajun pasta probably won't help me remember anything about early cellular biology). To me, mid-term season usually is a lot like New Years. The exams make me contemplate all the mistakes I have made thus far (Netflix instead of readings, Woads instead of Bass) and thus cause me to form new resolutions for the rest of the semester. I endeavor to study more, to make a schedule, and to stave off procrastination once and for all. Of course, just like New Years, I never actually follow my resolutions. I bet that I make it through ten minutes of my next Astro lecture before turning on yet another cooking video. Maybe something sweet this time...

Whether you are prepared or not for midterms, we have a slue of entertaining events this week that would make for a lovely study break. What better to break the monotony of studying than the Libs?

First, as always, **MONDAY** at **5:30PM** in **CALHOUN** is **LIB DINNER**! Come talk about Debate! Come talk about Discussion! Come talk about your weekend! Really, come talk about anything other than midterms.





*Come talk about your all carb diet!*

**TUESDAY** at **7:30PM** in **SUDLER HALL** the YPU will **DEBATE** on the topic **RESOLVED: LET PRIVATE BUSINESSES BOYCOTT SAME-WEDDINGS** with **BOB LEVY**, chairman of the CATO Institute, a libertarian (though how I wish it was a liberation) think-tank.



*Our lovely FLL Dilan would love to hear you call out [those annoying wedding cake people](#).*

**WEDNESDAY** at **7:30PM** in a location **TBA** the Libs will hold **DISCUSSION** on the topic **SHOULD WE USE MARKETS TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT?** Is Capitalism an effective tool to promote environmentalism? How do markets harm and help developing countries? Does humanity own the planet? What is the role of personal responsibility in environmentalism? [Here](#) is an excerpt from Naomi Klein's book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*, [here](#) is another article from Klein about race and climate change, [here](#) is an essay about Ecosocialism, and [here](#) is an article assessing the various kinds of market based climate policies.





*Should we resort to Capitalism for the sake of a world as beautiful as this?*

**THURSDAY** is our first **JONATHAN-BREWSTER BINGHAM (JBB) FORUM** of the semester! At **5:30PM** in the **SAYBROOK BRANFORD ROOM** the Libs will talk to **PROFFESOR MICHAEL ROWE** about his work with mental health in the homeless population in New Haven, and his theory of treatment through citizenship and community building.

Finally, **SATURDAY** the Libs will meet at **PHELPS GATE** at **11AM** to journey together to **EAST ROCK**. Second time is most definitely the charm, as this week's forecast is not only warmer, but also dryer than last week's. We'll grab some food along the way, trek up the mountainside led by our fearless leaders, and picnic whilst gazing out over New Haven.



*What climbing East Rock would have felt like last week.*

## TL;DR

### MONDAY

- LIB DINNER at 5:30PM in CALHOUN

### TUESDAY

- YPU DEBATE at 7:30PM in SUDLER HALL

### THURSDAY

- JBB FORUM at 5:30PM in the SAYBROOK BRANFORD ROOM

### SATURDAY

- EAST ROCK TRIP meeting at 11AM at PHELPS GATE

## LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the week is **DAVID DIAZ** (yay, the other member of the Diaz faction!).



Likes: redistribution of wealth, music from 1920 to 1949, romance languages, hound dogs, brains, Brazil, Bernie Sanders, behaving like an old person, TV shows that accurately portray government (Veep, Parks and Recreation), tropical fruit juice, scat singing in the shower, anti-poverty programs, TV shows that inaccurately portray government (House of Cards, The West Wing, Scandal), the southern part of New Jersey, desserts often served in the fall, labor unions, old people's facebook posts to restaurants, buying a beagle puppy for Emaline

Dislikes: corporate influence in politics, crowds, when dining halls run out of dessert, Democratic Party establishment, rules against owning pets, cracked laptop screens, New Jersey Democrats who support Chris Christie, state violence, slugs, mistaking rhetoric for substance, prisons, "social science isn't real science," getting less than six hours of sleep, regressive taxation

Fun Fact: David once owned three rats named after characters in *Ratatouille* and taught them various tricks like coming when called, walking on two legs, and spinning in a circle

Toothpaste Debate: It is objectively correct to wet the toothbrush, then apply toothpaste.

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

In honor of our environmentalism topic, this week's Liberal in History is **RACHEL CARSON**.



*"The question is whether any civilization can wage relentless war on life without destroying itself, and without losing the right to be called civilized."*

[Rachel Carson](#) was a revolutionary environmentalist whose book, [Silent Spring](#), is credited with advancing the worldwide Environmentalist movement.

See you this week!

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Gabrielle

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Gabrielle Diaz <gabrielle.diaz@yale.edu>

Sun, Oct 11, 2015 at 10:30 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE

*And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

Now is a time for rejoicing (even despite the midterms)! Fall, in all its glory, has finally arrived! People are talking about Halloween costumes, Yale is giving out tons of apples, and I have begun to decorate my suite with pumpkins. Perhaps most excitingly, next week is fall break! I have lots of plans to read books for pleasure (gasp!) and sip cider in afternoons devoid of class (realistically, I will probably just sleep the whole break). It's times like these where I gaze out at the Elm-lined streets and sunny courtyards and remember how beautiful Yale is. This wonder will probably last for a few more weeks before I start cursing the cold and begrudgingly anticipating the feet of snow that will greet us next semester. But that's no reason not to enjoy the weather while it lasts! Take your midterm studying outside, and soak up as much sun as you can. Then, bring your resulting sunny disposition to the Libs events this week!



*Pretty soon that sun will be gone and we will all start looking like ghosts...just in time for Halloween.*

**MONDAY** at **5:30PM** in **CALHOUN** is weekly **LIB DINNER**, where the conversation never disappoints. There is nothing better than starting off your week with the cheery faces of liberal friends.



*Maybe there will still be farm fresh apples around.*

Immediately following dinner, **MONDAY** at **6:30PM** in **SSS 114** is **FRESHMEN PRIZE** on the topic **RESOLVED: TELL THE NOBLE LIE**. If you are freshmen, come speak in the least stressful debate of the semester, and enter for the chance to win a prize! If you are anybody else, come hear what all the lovely new faces have to offer!



*It could be pretty entertaining...*

In a very exciting event, this **THURSDAY** is the **GESO UNITE HERE DEMONSTRATION**. **GESO**, or the Graduate Employees and Students Union, has repeatedly petitioned Yale to allow grad students to unionize. This rally plans to be the most exciting yet with special guests **SENATOR CHRIS MURPHY**, **SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL**, and **MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO**. Meet us at **4:45PM** in the **SILLIMAN COURTYARD** to march in solidarity with our graduate student friends!



*Protests AND famous people? What more could we ask for?*

Finally, in lieu of discussion, the Libs will be **TOASTING** this **FRIDAY** at **8PM** in the **JE SEMINAR ROOM**. Come toast to friends, to life, and to the liberal party! This is one of the best events of the entire semester, in my humble opinion, so come on out to what amounts to a giant story telling party!



*You're sure to hear some strange and hilarious tales...as well as offer up some of your own!*

## **TL;DR**

### **MONDAY**

- LIB DINNER at 5:30PM in CALHOUN
- FRESHMEN PRIZE DEBATE at 6:30PM in SSS 114

### **THURSDAY**

- GESO RALLY meeting in the SILLIMAN COURTYARD at 4:45PM

### **FRIDAY**

- TOASTING in the JE SEMINAR ROOM at 8PM



# LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the Week is **Kenneth Jackson!**



Likes: trains, Nicki Minaj, Brazil, soccer, wit, Gilbert and Sullivan, a lingua portuguesa, rice and beans, 30 Rock, Lucille (Bluth/Ball/Austero), trashy reality TV competitions, hugs, old movies (esp by Hitchcock), Jennifer Lawrence, inserting movie quotes into ordinary conversation, rainbows, proving things, land redistribution, Jane [Krakowski](#), Jane Austen novels with healthy doses of zombies, army pants and [flipflops](#), and every time I'm so incredibly modest!! :P

Dislikes: CARS!!, self-destructive sports like football, border security, constants, a lack of seasons, when people say: "[you do you](#)," all insects except ladybugs, James Franco, when people steal my [thunder](#), lameness, and hair that is insured for \$10,000!!

Fun Fact: Yellow is my favorite color.

Water-toothpaste-water. Any further elaboration would be an insult to the universe

# LIBERALS IN HISTORY

This week's Liberal in History is **Emiliano Zapata!**



*I mean look at that mustache*

[Emiliano Zapata](#) was a rebel leader in the [Mexican Revolution](#). He fought throughout the revolution until his death by the hands of a government emissary. He started his career as a revolutionary by trying to achieve agrarian reform through land redistribution (yay redistribution!). He is a folk hero in Mexico, and is often remembered by his rallying cry of “Tierra y Libertad” (land and freedom).

Hope to see y'all this week!

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Gabrielle

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Oct 18, 2015 at 10:04 PM

# **SUBLIB** *And now for your weekly* **INAL MESSAGE**

Lovely Libs,

Finally, the week we have been waiting for has arrived...Fall Break is here! Hopefully we can all spend it somewhat restfully (and not under a thin layer of snow as today's weather might suggest) and can forget our midterm woes by getting some sleep and having lots of fun. Because of the short list of events this week, I will forgo my usual descriptions and instead tell you a fall themed story that will hopefully put you in the spirit for some hot apple cider and pumpkin pie.



*mmmmm pie...*

## **AUTUMN THEMED INTERLUDE**

I am going to try and find a corn maze during my time off and relieve a little bit of autumn in Georgia. I must admit—my friends and I were holy terrors at corn mazes. When we were in late elementary school and early middle school we always went to the same maze around thirty minutes away. There was a wooden sign posted at the entrance that gave a few rules, the most important of which was painted in all caps and underlined: “DO NOT THROW CORN”. Of course, that is exactly what we always did. We liked to hide in the thick corn walls and corn-ers and surprise unsuspecting families walking through the narrow paths by throwing corn at them. The best was to do it at night, when the maze was open to braver adventurers who wanted to try their hand at traversing the maze with flashlights. They found it a little harder to locate anything when constantly being pelted with corn from unknown locations. The owner of the maze undoubtedly knew it was us. He had gotten so many complaints about corn throwing that he glared at us suspiciously as we walked into the maze, and took to

following us every once in a while. If he so much as saw us looking at a piece of corn he would let out an accusatory squawk. But, he could only follow us for so long. Soon, he would give up, and we would go right back to chucking corn at the back of peoples heads. I don't know why corn-throwing appealed to us: I guess there just wasn't that much to do in Georgia. I do know that corn-throwing helped prove to me that I would make a good lawyer.

One day in the corn maze with probably seven of my friends, I had amassed quite a pile of corn to throw at people and was busy loading into my backpack so I could regroup with my friends before beginning the days festivities. All of a sudden, the owner appeared with a scarily delighted look upon his face. "I knew it was you! You can't throw corn in this maze! You are going to have to leave!"

Now, I knew I was in a bit of a pickle here, because I most definitely was going to throw all that corn at the maze patrons (and to be honest my first instinct was to throw the corn at the owner and run), but instead I turned to my reasoning skills to get out of the mess. "Sir, how do you know I am going to throw the corn?"

"You were putting it into your backpack and walking away with it! Look here I know you've been the ones throwing corn so why don't we just find your parents and you can leave"

"Sir, if I am not mistaken there was no rule about *collecting* corn. Is that right?"

"No, but..."

"Well I happen to be *collecting* corn, sir, and if that is a problem then I will most definitely stop. But you should probably post a rule about collecting corn if you don't want people to. Otherwise it is difficult to know not to."

At this, the owner became red in the face, turned around, and walked straight out of the maze. I was so surprised to have gotten out of the mess, that my corn throwing abilities were drastically improved over the course of the day. My aim had never been better.

The next time we came back to the farm, a new rule had been added to the sign: "NO COLLECTING THE CORN". And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how I learned to take advantage of ambiguous regulation, and proved to be (once again) a child with a rather capitalist nature.



*I suppose we were the real children of the corn.*

With that digression, I return to the events of this coming week. Sadly, we will only be getting together this **MONDAY** at **5:30PM** for weekly **LIB DINNER** in **CALHOUN**. Come tell us all your plans for break and give a collective sigh of relief after the last few strenuous weeks!



*I'm rewarding myself for midterms well (or passably) done by only eating dessert.*

**TL; DR**

MONDAY

- LIB DINNER at 5:30 in CALHOUN

# LIB OF THE WEEK

In other exciting new, during this week's freshmen prize our very own **SARA MCCARTNEY** won first place!!! We are beyond proud of Sara and I personally want to hug her every time I see her. In honor of her amazing speech and big win, she is our Lib of the Week!



Likes: Vinyl records, having music on in the background all the time, strict gun control measures, Patti Smith, leather jackets, coffee, squelching the patriarchy, yogurt covered pretzels, David Foster Wallace, cheesy sci-fi, kittens

Dislikes: Suits, climate change deniers, the confederate flag, being late, cold weather, the noble lie, George Clooney's face, dining halls that don't have little sticks with which to stir your coffee

Fun Fact: Sara's parents are members of a gourd club so she spent her formative years watching hippies auction off gourd related crafts

Toothpaste/Toothbrush Debate: Water first, then toothpaste. Obviously

# LIBERALS IN HISTORY

This week's Liberal in History is GUY DEBORD!





[Guy Debord](#) was the self proclaimed leader of the [Situationist International](#), a group of avant-garde French artists and intellectuals that used Anarchist and Marxist theories, among others, to critique the state of art and eventually political frameworks in Europe. Their critiques helped influence the [1968 student rebellion in Paris](#). Guy Debord published the [Society of the Spectacle](#) in which he argues that modern capitalism maintains power through the currency of images, and that only through the spectacle does capitalism survive. Naturally, the way out of this is through revolution in the form of disruptive art (yay revolution)!

Hope to see y'all Monday!

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Gabrielle

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Oct 25, 2015 at 10:29 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

I hope y'all are well rested after a short but well needed break! I have spent the past few days resolutely forgetting all the work I need to do and instead alternating between napping and taking long showers. I feel ready for the week to come, a most important week by any standards—HALLOWEEN! While things may be getting spooky around Yale in time for All Hallows Eve, the Libs trudge tirelessly on with the week's events, despite the titillating temptations behind every corner (did I mention it is also Sex Week? Talk about a great follow up to break).

As always, we will start our week on **MONDAY** with **LIB DINNER** at **5:30** in **CALHOUN**. Let's celebrate the re-opening of normal dining hall hours and hope for some Halloween-themed desserts.



*If the food in Calhoun doesn't scare you away, not much will.*

Following, **MONDAY** at **7:30** in **LC102** is the **YPU DEBATE** with **ALLIDA BLACK** on the topic **RESOLVED: REVIVE THE NEW DEAL**. Allida Black is professor of History and International Affairs at George Washington University and one of the co-founders of the Ready for Hillary super-pac. Come sit with the Libs for what should be an interesting debate!



*Costumes not required.*

If you have had enough of Hillary at the debate, **TUESDAY** at **8PM** in **LC 102** the Libs are co-sponsoring **THE "S" WORD: SANDERS AND SOCIALISM** with **PROFESSOR JOE SCHWARTZ** alongside Yale Students for Bernie and Margins: Perspectives from the Left magazine. Are you feelin the Bern? This is the event for you!



*What can you see in the crystal ball Bernie? A presidential win?*

**WEDNESDAY** at in the **BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** is the most awaited **JOKE DEBATE** on the topic **TAX THE POLTERGEIST**! Come with speeches! Come with costumes! Come with your pet poltergeist! Some questions to consider: How do poltergeists participate in political institutions? Are poltergeists exploitive, or, conversely, are we discriminatory towards poltergeists? At what point does a ghost become a poltergeist?



*What kind of specter haunts Yale?*

Finally, for some more Halloween festivities, **SATURDAY** at **9PM** in **SILLIMAN L01** is our **HALLOWEEN PARTY!** Come in costume before the YSO Halloween Show, or stay for the rumored séance later in the night.



*Who knows what kind of ghosts we conjure up (crossing my fingers it's not Calhoun)*

## **TL;DR**

### MONDAY

- LIB DINNER at 5:30PM in CALHOUN
- YPU DEBATE at 7:30PM in LC102

### TUESDAY

- THE "S" WORD: SANDERS AND SOCIALISM at 8PM in LC 102

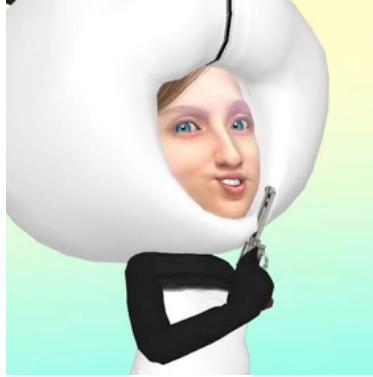
### WEDNESDAY

- JOKE DEBATE at 7:30PM in BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM

### SATURDAY

## LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the Week is none other than our glorious **Eliza Scruton!**



Likes: puppies, dogs that are no longer puppies, being aloof but not too aloof, labor unions, life size cardboard cutouts of Russian authors, curry powder, children over 5, good bones and calcium, country music, misandry, apple cider, watching thunderstorms from inside, linguistics jokes, campfires, well thought-out criticism of sex-positive feminism, campy horror movies from the 70's, dead flowers in decorative contexts, memory foam, socialism, humblebragging (when I do it), irony, breathing, rubber ducks, excessively long lists of likes and dislikes

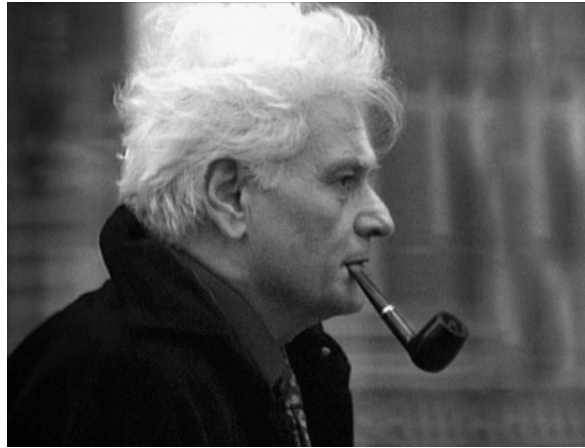
Dislikes: Alexander Hamilton's treatment of his wife, crowds, abstinence only "education," children under 5, the meat industry, the Northeastern United States, winter, Matt Bevin, sulfate-containing shampoo, fragile masculinity, Starbucks, humblebragging (when other people do it), Hillary Clinton, prescriptivism, Kidz Bop's music, Kidz Bop's lack of racial diversity, buying food and then forgetting about it and finding it three weeks later covered in mold at the back of her fridge

Fun fact: Eliza got her first acting experience in the role of the baby Jesus at the tender age of three months

Toothpaste: Toothpaste first, then water. Doing the opposite of this accomplishes literally nothing that this does not accomplish, but this accomplishes so much more #suds4life

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

In honor of the spooky season, this week's Liberal in History is none other than the creator of [Hauntology](#), **Jacques Derrida**



[Derrida](#) was one of the preeminent philosophers of the twentieth century with his new theories of deconstruction. More to this week's point, he coined the term "[Hauntology](#)" in his book "Spectres of Marx". Derrida wonders how Communism, always [a spectre in of itself](#), exists as a phantom in culture even after the "death" of Communism with the fall of the Berlin Wall. Communism both exists and doesn't exist in our lives (spooky).

See y'all at this week's events! (if you dare)

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Gabrielle



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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Nov 1, 2015 at 10:55 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE *And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

I hope that all of your Halloweens were sufficiently spooky and spectacular! I managed to fit in both the magnificent YSO show and some séance-induced conversations from the beyond. While I have emerged from the weekend unscathed, my common room is an entirely different matter. I tend to judge the excitement of a weekend based upon how big of a mess my room becomes. On weeks with little fun and many exams, the suite is perfectly orderly (cleaning becoming a welcome procrastination from actually working). However, on weeks such as this one, with too many celebrations to attend and not enough time, the room devolves into chaos. My bed is completely covered by costumes and other assorted clothing, jackets are strewn across the common room, and every flat surface is covered in paper, empty cups, or trash. I suppose I should be thankful—cleaning up the mess will make for a welcome distraction from tonight's reading!



*Pretty soon this is what my life will become.*

Speaking of distractions, take a load off this **MONDAY** as we start the week with lovely **LIB DINNER** on **5:30PM** in **CALHOUN**. Lib Dinner is scientifically proven to improve the horror that is the first day of the week (oh how I hate Mondays...)



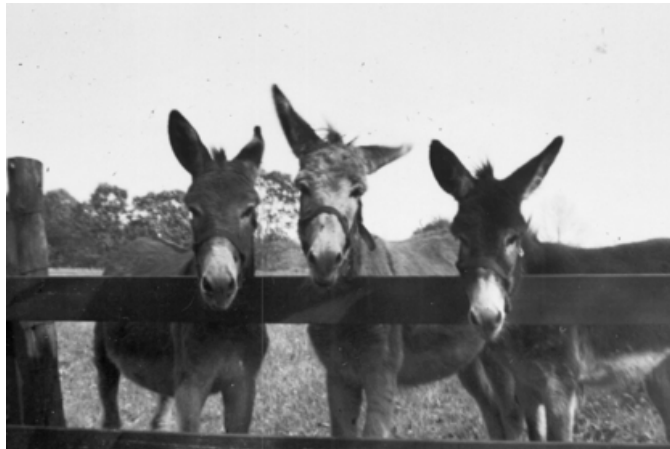
*Maybe not quite fine dining, but at least there's Cocoa Puffs!*

For some engaging post-dinner entertainment, immediately following we will migrate to **LC102** at **7:30PM** for the **YPU DEBATE** on the topic **RESOLVED: OPEN THE BORDERS** with guest **WALTER BLOCK**, an economist in the areas of free enterprise economic theory (needless to say, his reasons for opening the border may be a little different than our own).



*Maybe the answer is a giant fence, just like Donald Trump said (lol).*

**WEDNESDAY** at **7:30PM** in the **BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** is our **DISCUSSION** on the topic **SHOULD THE LIBS BE DEMOCRATS?** What are the results of the two-party system? How should we become involved in national politics? What are the problems with the Democrats, and with the electoral system? What are regional conceptions of the Democratic Party? [Here](#) is an article about the Democratic Party and Bernie Sanders, [here](#) is an article about why we should support the Democratic party, and [here](#) is an article about problems with the two party system from an outside perspective.



*Should we embrace the donkey?*

Finally, the Liberal party will trek outside the confines of Yale and New Haven and into the wider world of liberalism in our **NEW YORK TRIP!** Under the leadership of the marvelous Matt Massie, the Libs will make use of the most wonderful Metro North (oh how I love public transportation) and venture into the Big Apple for a day full of excitement and diversion. Matt has a wonderful list of activities for our enjoyment, and if you are interested in coming, **shoot Matt an email at [matthew.massie@yale.edu](mailto:matthew.massie@yale.edu)**. The group will be leaving at **8AM** from **PHELPS GATE** on **FRIDAY**, but if you have a class you can simply not escape (I am certainly happy to miss 9AM Spanish) then hop a later train and meet us in the city! Let Matt know your plans, and hopefully we will see you in the Big City!



*Onward! To the City that Never Sleeps!*

**TL;DR**

**MONDAY**

- LIB DINNER at 5:30PM in CALHOUN
- YPU DEBATE at 7:30PM in LC102

## WEDNESDAY

- DISCUSSION at 7:30PM in the BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM

## FRIDAY

- NEW YORK TRIP meeting at 8PM at PHELPS GATE

# LIB OF THE WEEK

This week's Lib of the week is none other than the wonderful **Mitchell Weldon!**



*Mitchell makes peace with his once bitter enemies, minions.*

Likes: Recycling (in the broad sense of the term), historical processes, Public Transit, Barbara Jordan, bikes, Haiti, cats, coffee, communities, my TAs this semester, SML Reading Rooms, beautiful thrift shop holiday sweaters, DINO, the Dallas Mavericks, *A Sand County Almanac*, discovering that the dining halls serve plums, *Encountering Development*, Nutella, dancing with no remorse, local forms of resistance to state oppression, the Kimbell Art Museum, Marie Vieux-Chauvet, walking outside when it's just barely raining, Art Deco, Dutch Landscape paintings (windmills), Radiolab.

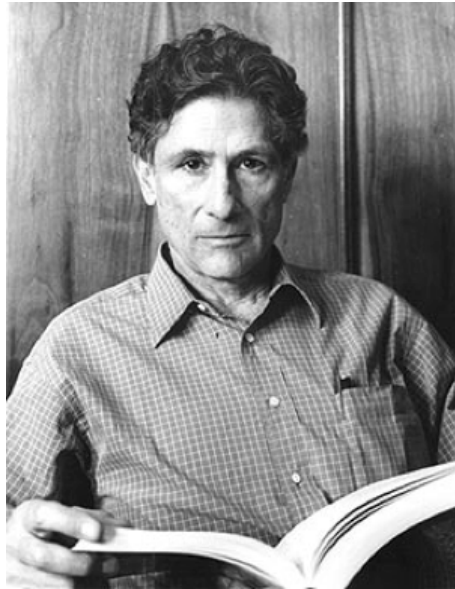
Dislikes: Matt Massie, my lack of waterproof clothing, obsessing over how "progressive" millennials are, algae ruining my projects, over-reliance on technological "fixes", shelving books for my library job alone on a deserted Sterling Library floor, the overuse of the word "modernity", dad as modernity, dams, the World Bank, Texas summers/New Haven winters, "The arc of history bends towards justice" used as an excuse to do nothing, Woodrow Wilson, people who consider Woodrow Wilson a good president, mean people, Ann Coulter, not having coffee, the IMF, *Citizens United*, Bhutan, recurring colds, institutionalization of knowledge, accelerationism.

Fun Fact: As a child, Mitchell spent way too much time trying to talk to his cat. Once (or maybe more than once) he tried to get his cat to predict the future (interpreting "meows" as a yes or a no).

Toothbrush: water, then toothpaste, then water. Nothing about the process should be dry.

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

This week's Liberal in History is **Edward Said**.



[Edward Said](#) was a Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Colombia University. With his book [Orientalism](#), he revolutionized the Post-Colonial theory of the Orient vs. the Occidental, or the East vs. the West. Said describes the practice of belittling the Orient as necessarily backwards and undeveloped in comparison to a developed West. Said argues that the Orient is necessarily hinged on the conception of the other and a comparison to the Occidental.

Hope to see y'all soon!

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Gabrielle



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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 10:18 PM

# **SUBLIB** *And now for your weekly* **INAL MESSAGE**

Lovely Libs,

Sunday, as I sat down to write the weekly email, I felt stuck. Usually I begin with something flippant and funny, but that didn't seem appropriate after the events of last week. So, instead of sending out our weekly email we gathered to write a statement together:

*The Liberal Party stands in solidarity with people of color on this campus. People of color, in particular women of color, are consistently mistreated and then silenced. We have witnessed the events of the past week and are pained by the failures of the community and the administration to listen and respond to systemic racism evidenced by these incidents and so many others. The historical marginalization experienced by communities of color as a result of pervasive racism at this institution affects both students and the wider New Haven community.*

*We need to continue pursuing positive conversations about constructing meaningful change on this campus; the rhetoric of free speech has been misused to further silence people and distract from the real problems of racism and systemic violence. We are inspired by the courage of people of color who, through their words and actions, have stood up against the injustices committed against them.*

*As members of this community, we are committed to the eradication of injustice and to the creation of an institution where all members of the community are respected and heard. We believe in the power of discourse to shape action—not only stepping back but also stepping into the streets. We cannot be spectators in this fight; the choices we make about where to act and react influence our communities profoundly. Each of us belongs here and has a stake in what happens at this university. Solidarity means more than just refraining from active harm, but also actively transforming this campus. We need to listen to people of color first and empower their experiences and efforts to inform our fight for a better Yale.*

*We commit to anti-racist action on campus. We will stand back when appropriate and stand up with our communities when they call. We support BSAY's steps of action for the Yale administration (<http://downat Yale.com/post.php?id=452>) and will speak out and protest until these demands are met. As individuals and as a community, we continue to learn how to value and help each other.*

This e-mail is not as fun and picture-filled as usual. I don't think it should be. The pictures we should be looking at and thinking about are the images we saw Monday—hundreds of Yalies coming together to celebrate each other and this community. The positivity on Cross Campus yesterday lifted me up, as I am sure it lifted so many others. It proved that we can and will create the Yale we want see. I hope that the unity we felt yesterday carries with us as we attend the events of this week (Lib and otherwise).



At the non-traditional time of **THURSDAY** at **7:30PM** the Libs will hold **DISCUSSION** on the topic **WHAT DO OUR UNIVERSITIES OWE US?** What do we want out of education? What obligations do universities have to the communities they exist within? How should universities champion reform? What do we have a right to demand from our faculty? [Here](#) is an article about Reagan and the changing conception of the university, [here](#) is an article about the university and the world, and [here](#) is an article about the purpose of public education. [Here](#) are the demands sent out by students at the University of Missouri (similar to our very own BSAY's demands), [here](#) is an article about graduate students and the fight against a neo-liberal university, and just for kicks and giggles, [here](#) is the always lovely Atlantic article everyone has probably been sent by their parents. Join us to discuss this extremely relevant topic in the **SILLIMAN COMMON ROOM**.

**FRIDAY** at **9PM** in the **SAYBROOK TV ROOM (ENTRY WAY H)** is **KARAOKE NIGHT!** I cannot think of a better way to unwind from the week.

## TL;DR

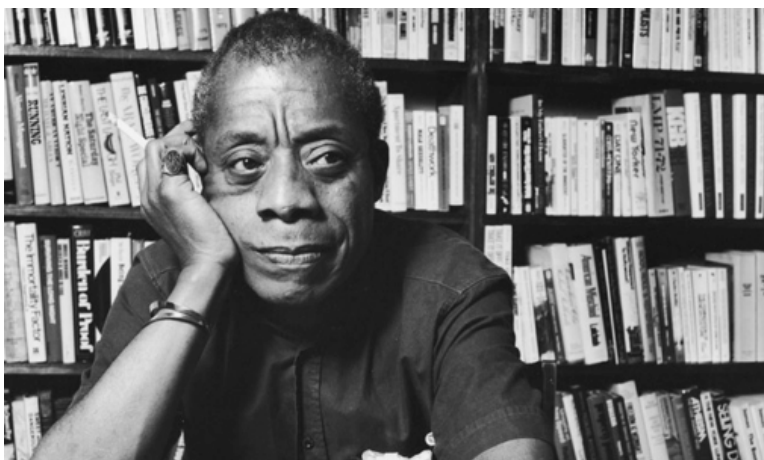
### THURSDAY

- DISCUSSION at 7:30PM in SILLIMAN COMMON ROOM

### FRIDAY

- KARAOKE NIGHT at 9PM in the SAYBROOK TV ROOM (ENTRY WAY H)

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY



This week's Liberal History is **JAMES BALDWIN**, acclaimed American author, playwright, and activist who wrote *Giovanni's Room*, *Notes of a Native Son*, and *Go Tell It on the Mountain* among other American masterpieces. [Baldwin's](#) insights into Black America were prolific in the 1960s, and continue to be relevant today. [Here](#) is one of his most famous essays, in which he addresses his young nephew and gives him compassionate advice on how to live in the racist American landscape.

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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Sun, Nov 29, 2015 at 10:03 PM

# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE

*And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

Welcome back! I hope you all have returned well rested and well fed from Thanksgiving break. The end is now in sight, my dear comrades! In just a few short weeks we will be free to lounge in peace in our respective homes. However, few of us will escape the consumerist hell that is Holiday Season. The horror has already begun: over break, our dining halls have become infested with blinking fairy lights, snowflakes, and Christmas trees, shops have started playing their disturbingly happy holiday soundtracks, and any time now Fox News will start their annual lament about the War on Christmas. But, do not fret my friends. The passing of Christmas signals the arrival of the next Hallmark Holidays—Valentines Day and Easter (only tolerable because of the piles of discounted candy after their completion). We must endure this hell in order to get to Cadbury eggs, Peeps, and chocolate hearts. To distract you until then, the Libs have some fantastic events in store for this week!

This **MONDAY**, as always, is weekly **LIB DINNER** at **5:30PM** in **CALHOUN**. Come share your thanksgiving stories and bemoan the lack of pumpkin pie with the best people I know!



*As far as I am concerned, it's still pumpkin season. If I keep saying it's not winter, it's not winter (right?).*

This **TUESDAY** at **7:30PM** in **SUDLER HALL** is a special **YPU STUDENT DEBATE** on the topic **RESOLVED:**

**REQUIRE ETHNIC STUDIES.** If you went to the teach-in and read the e-mail from President Salovey (which I am sure you all did), then you have heard some about increasing the emphasis on ethnic studies here at Yale. What do you think? Come to YPU to hear more about it!



*How should our universities change now that they look a little different than they used to (cough cough)...*

**WEDNESDAY** at **7:30PM** in the **BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** is **DISCUSSION** on the topic **HOW SHOULD WE PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE?** What kind of knowledge do we value? How do we currently preserve knowledge? How do museums help or hinder our pursuit for knowledge? [Here](#) is an article about free museum admission and [here](#) is an article about returning cultural artifacts. Here is an article about the physical space of museums as ritual, asking us how this ritual forces us to engage with objects.



*All those fancy shmancy art museums a little too much for you? Come tell us why!*

Finally this **FRIDAY** at **8:00PM** is an extra special holiday event showcasing some of our most talented Libs. Come to Jacob's apartment at **900 CHAPEL ST. #108** for **LIBS WHO PLAY MUSIC PLAY MUSIC FOR LIBS WHO DO NOT PLAY MUSIC**. The name pretty much explains it all—those Libs blessed with musical abilities will perform for the less musically inclined Liberals. So, whether you are a great musician or a great spectator, this is the event for you! Call Jacob at [\(952\) 454-4992](tel:9524544992) to be let in!



*You may be surprised by the musical genius of the Liberal Party!*

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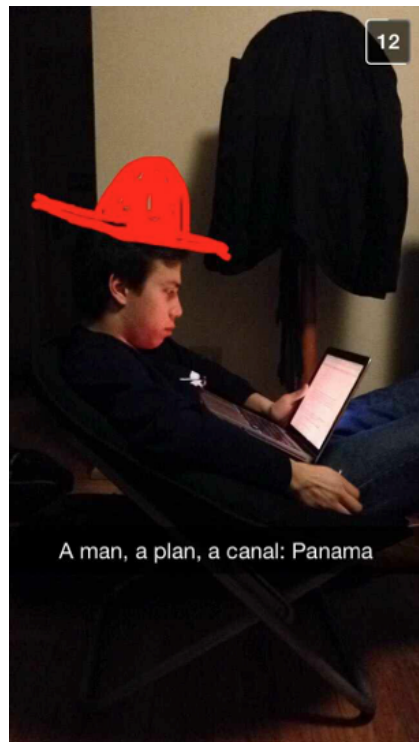
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## **LIB OF THE WEEK**

This week's Lib of the Week is DANIEL GIRALDO!!



Likes: Wenzels, Chiptole, late-night Salsa Fresca, Mamoun's, David Hume, steak egg and cheese sandwich, Yale 50 Papa John's, Real Madrid, James Rodriguez, Jose Pekerman, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rick and Morty, FIFA (the video game), democratic socialism, Bernie Sanders, progressive income tax, football, futbol, Miami Heat, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, public transportation, mathematics, A Theory of Justice, nationalized health care, the Strokes, Wilco, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, Carlos Galan, 100 Years of Solitude, the Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Joseph Stiglitz.

Dislikes: Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, neoliberalism, FIFA (the organization), Barcelona FC, the Brazilian National Football Team, Rick Scott, FOX News, the misuse of rational choice theory, misuse of general equilibrium theory, mustard, the Republican Party, libertarianism, large corporations especially banks, Marco Rubio, the CIA, non-late-night Salsa Fresca, LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Fun Fact: I used to have two salt-water fishes. One was blue and named Millonarios, and the other was red and named Tomato. We named the blue one Millonarios because that is my family's favorite Colombian soccer team and they wear blue uniforms.

Toothbrush: As should be done, I put water on my toothbrush before I brush but after there is toothpaste on the brush.

## **LIBERALS IN HISTORY**

This week's Liberal in History is DOROTHEA LANGE.





Think of one photo of the Great Depression. It is probably [this one](#) and it was taken by Dorothea Lange. [Lange](#) was a documentary photographer that brought to light the plight of sharecroppers and displaced farmers during the Great Depression in her famous photos. She continued to document the plight of lower classes in a variety of countries worldwide while lending a humanizing gaze on her subjects. [Here](#) are a few of her most famous pictures from her reporting at a Japanese internment camp during WWII.

See y'all this week!

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Gabrielle

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## [LIBS] Your Weekly SubLIBinal Message

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# SUBLIBINAL MESSAGE

*And now for your weekly*

Lovely Libs,

We have reached the end of yet another semester. As our classes come to an end I too will finish my term. This semester has certainly been full of ups and downs, and many of us survived only by the skin of our teeth. I look back and see good discussion, bad discussion, laughter, anger (probably some yelling on my part), and ultimately friendships that provided a support system for me and so many of my fellow Libs. I am honored to have served as your secretary, and hope that these SubLIBinal Messages have contributed something to your ever-full inbox. So here you go—my last weekly message before I pass the torch (to someone probably much funnier).

This **MONDAY** at **5:30PM** in **CALHOUN** is weekly **LIB DINNER**. You have to take a break studying at some point for sustenance, so it might as well be with us!



*I feel like my meals have gotten shorter and shorter as the semester has gone on. But, of course, I would never cut Lib Dinner short.*

**TUESDAY** at **7:30PM** in **SUDLER HALL** is the **YPU DEBATE** with guest **ZEPHYR TEACHOUT** on the topic **RESOLVED: OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED**. Enthusiastic about voting? Resentful of political corruption? Come to the debate and get out your frustrations!



*Corporations are people? Has the world turned upside down?*

**WEDNESDAY** at **7:30PM** in the **BRANFORD TRUMBULL ROOM** is **DISCUSSION** on the topic **WHAT ARE THE ETHICS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE?** What are the left's views on life? How do we associate life and personal choice? What are our personal obligations? How do we order our morality surrounding death? [Here](#) is a paper explaining the assisted suicide in terms of personal autonomy, [here](#) is an article about the failure of rights based discourse in the case of assisted suicide. [Here](#) is a libertarian approach to the right to die, and [here](#) is a rather long narrative piece in the New Yorker about euthanasia in Belgium.



*What is the value of life? What is the meaning of death? Get out your inner philosopher in this week's debate.*

Finally, this **FRIDAY** at a super secret location and time are **LIB ELECTIONS**, where our current e-board will usher in a whole new set of lovable libs.



*Soon the newbies will roll in.*

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This week's Lib of the Week is the amazing **Ariel Lowrey!**



**Likes:** food I'm not allergic to, doc martens, vintage dresses, fuzzy blankets, dogs, STAR TREK (tos), traveling, singing, dancing all the time, California (SF in particular), space travel, holiday decorations, harry potter, shmoopy romace (occasionally), snorkeling, casual astronomy, flowers, the ocean, being warm when it is cold outside, putting too much honey in tea, cooking, doing rainbow eyeshadow for pride, sleeping, minty things, loud music

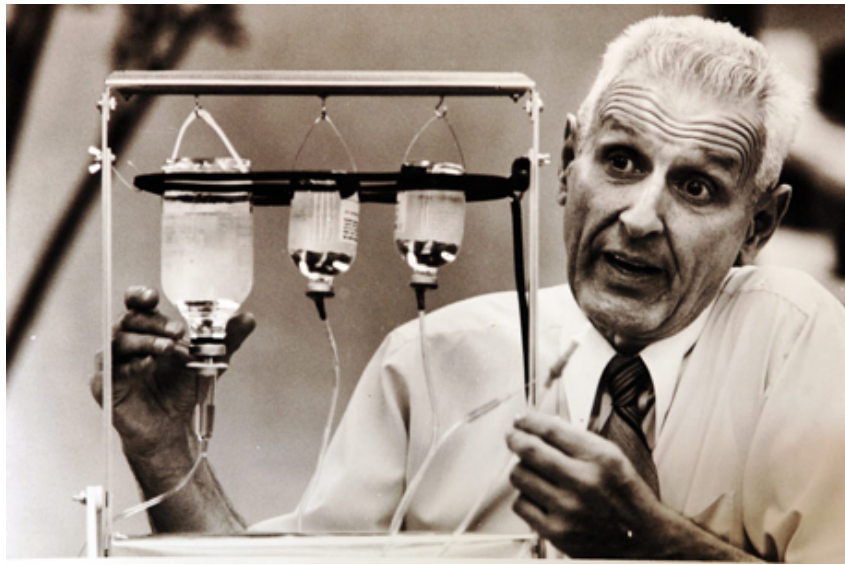
**Dislikes:** being sick, not being able to eat anything at any given event, people who don't do their job and make you do it for them, unnecessary arguments, chipotle, the student income contribution, bi erasure, internet trolls, the Hamilton craze, insects (especially big ones), taking medicine, getting shots, whiskey, peep toe shoes (especially boots), fruit flavored gum, Yale dining, parties with too many lights on

**Fun Fact:** Once I sprained my toe playing Dance Dance Revolution

**Toothpaste Debate:** Water, Toothpaste, and then Water is the only way to do it correctly.

## LIBERALS IN HISTORY

In honor of this week's discussion topic, this week's Liberal in History is **Dr. Jack Kevorkian**.



[Dr. Kevorkian](#) (or Dr. Death) was a medical pathologist and euthanasia proponent that helped over a hundred patients end their lives in Michigan. He helped bring attention to the practice of physician assisted suicide in the United States. However, Dr. Kevorkian was a little strange to say the least. [Here](#) is a video interview for 60 minutes where you get some yelling, some art, and Kevorkian explaining his God as Johann Sebastian Bach.

See you this week!

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Gabrielle