

HKU Alumni Association New England/ Boston Newsletter

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HKUAANE

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- To provide networking and socializing opportunities for HKU alumni of all ages and visiting staff/students.
- To share helpful information and give support to newcomers, especially HKU alumni who are graduate students, or postdocs or visiting scholars in New England.
- To mentor HKU undergraduate exchange students studying in New England colleges.
- To foster connections between HKU alumni in New England and their alma mater.

These purposes are achieved through large and small gatherings, a directory, and website. The formation of interest groups based on professions or hobbies is encouraged.

HKU students, alumni, and staff: if you are coming to Boston or the New England region (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine) either short-term or long-term, please contact us by emailing contact@hkuaane.org



Sapientia et Virtus

明德格物

The Chinese motto on the University's crest is taken from the Confucian classic the Great Learning and refers to moral and intellectual enrichment of human lives.

The word Sapientia was in the Middle Ages rendered "wisdom". It represents the best results of Ke-wu (格物) or Science.

The Latin Virtus, in the sense employed by the stoics, with emphasis on the vir, has no exact equivalent in modern English, but it is the right meaning of te (德) in Confucian literature.

From the Editor

Milly Ng (吳妙麗), FNP, MPH

春回大地，萬象更新。

It has never been such a strong call to welcome our true spring. COVID-19 has made this year one of devastating loss – loss of lives, loss of connection with the ones we love and loss of freedom in the way we live.

But as with any experience, whether good or bad, we have learned some things over the past 12 months. We learned how much what we do matters, for our family, our community and for each other. We learned we are smart and creative in our ability to solve problems. As 2021 knocks at our door, we will welcome it with the strength of this new knowledge. We are armed with our resilience to make 2021 brighter.

During this unprecedented time, I am blessed to be the New Convener of HKUAANE (2021-) and continue the legacy of serving this great community.

I studied Bachelor of Nursing (2006) and Master of Nursing in HKU (2008), then Master of Public Health at Harvard Chan School of Public Health (2010). I am currently working as a Hepatology Nurse Practitioner at Tufts Medical Center. I am married with 2 children, Lucia and William. My husband Siu Cheong was my elementary school classmate as well as a Mathematician, currently working as an Associate Professor at Boston University. We love Boston!



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Zoom Meeting on February 7, 2021



I was so thrilled to be able to hold our Spring gathering with our HKAANE friends from all over New England area via Zoom at Chinese New Year 2021. The range of graduation year is from 1958-2020. We shared a wealth of updates during COVID and CNY celebration with modification, welcomed our new members and catch-up with our beloved old members!

冬天已到盡頭，真是好的消息，溫暖的春風，就要吹醒大地！恭喜恭喜！

Welcome New Members

Sijia DONG 董思佳

Assistant Professor, Northeastern University

Sijia Dong has been an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Northeastern University since Jan. 2021. Sijia is passionate about accelerating science using computation and automation. Research in the Dong Lab focuses on developing and applying physics-based and data-driven computational methods to understand multiscale processes, from electronic structures to emergent properties, and to design molecules, materials, and processes for renewable energy, biomedicine, and beyond.

Sijia obtained her BSc with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics from the University of Hong Kong in 2010. She received her PhD in Chemistry from California Institute of Technology in 2017, where her main thesis work was on developing a first-principles-based and data-driven computational method to predict the structures of proteins that are crucial drug targets for many diseases.

When Sijia is not thinking about work, she practices Shotokan Karate. She hopes she will eventually have more time and have an appropriate space so that she can continue practicing the piano. She is excited to get connected with HKU alumni in New England.



Welcome New Members

Sharon Juerong Jiang 江珏蓉

Exchange Student at Faculty of Business and Economics, 2019 Spring

Born and raised in Chongqing 重慶, Sharon is an analyst at Compass Lexecon, an economics consulting firm. Sharon graduated from Mount Holyoke College in December 2019 with a B.A. degree in Economics and a minor in Journalism and Media. At compass Lexecon, Sharon is mostly working on assisting merger case filings in different fields like semiconductor, biomedical, automotive etc. to antitrust/ competition authorities around the globe.

She also interested in marketing and business in general and have interned in both China and U.S. as marketing/ communication intern and business analysis intern. During her exchange semester at HKU, she took classes in economics and marketing and joined a consulting club called Eureka on campus. She also spent another exchange semester in Seoul, Korea before.

Besides work, she enjoys dancing, taking flower arrangement classes, photographing, going to concerts, learning new languages and meeting new people! She hopes to the chance to meet HKU alumni here in Boston after COVID.



Congratulations!

Zhang Yongquan 張湧權

B.Sc. in Mathematics from HKU Faculty of Science in 2016

Yongquan will be graduating from Harvard University with a Ph.D in mathematics May 2021. During the years he was in the Boston area, he frequently attended our gatherings. He also has written an article for one of the issues in our e-News about his journey to becoming a mathematician.

Here is a photo of Yongquan taking classes and teaching Calculus on Zoom in my office, which is the norm nowadays. Since lockdown I have found more time to cook and read.

“I will spend a year at Max Planck Institute in Bonn as a visiting postdoctoral fellow, and then 3 years at Stony Brook as a Milnor Lecturer (actually a research postdoc position). The Germany job starts in September, so the hope is that the pandemic situation will be much better then and I can travel there. If not, I am keeping in touch with the institute to see if remote working is possible.” – Y. Zhang



Miscellaneous

Here is the gateway to get in touch with alum all over the world

- <https://www.alumni.hku.hk/offshore-alumni-groups/north-america>
- <https://www.alumni.hku.hk/whatson>
- <http://www.hkuaane.org/index.html>