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# Lawrence S. Bacow, Harvard's 29th President

**H**arvard Corporation member Lawrence Bacow will serve as the University's 29th president, members of the presidential search committee announced on February 11, 2018, ending a seven-month long search he initially helped conduct.

Following this announcement, a Harvard student blog asked, "Larry Who?" As it turns out, the "Who" is impressive and infinitely well qualified to follow Drew Faust.

A native of Pontiac, MI, and the son of immigrants, Bacow, 66, began his academic career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After 24 years of service, he concluded his time at MIT as the Lee and Geraldine Martin Professor of Environmental Studies, department chair, and chancellor of the university.

He then served as the 12th president of Tufts University from September 2001 through July 2011. He has also held roles at the Harvard Kennedy School as the Hauser leader-in-residence in the Center for Public Leadership and as president-in-residence in the Higher Education Program at the Graduate School of Education. He has been a member of the Harvard Corporation since 2001—

and, most recently, on Harvard's own search committee.

He received the S.B. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the J.D. from Harvard Law School, and Master of Public Policy and Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he is also the recipient of five honorary degrees.



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With scholarly interests that range across environmental policy, bargaining and negotiation, economics, law, and public policy, he is a recognized expert on the resolution of environmental disputes, and more recently has turned his academic focus to issues facing higher education.

Bacow is married to Adele Fleet Bacow, an urban planner and graduate of Wellesley College and MIT. The Bacows have two sons.

His inauguration as president will take place on October 5, 2018. (See Coming Events.)

For presidential trivia buffs: he is the third person named Lawrence to serve as Harvard president, including A. Lawrence Lowell (1909-1933) and Lawrence Summers (2001-2006).

"Larry Bacow is one of the most accomplished, admired, insightful, and effective leaders in American higher education." William F. Lee, A.B. '72, chair of the search committee.

## COMING EVENTS

**MAY 11, FRIDAY, 10:30-12:00**

**Tour of Harvard Business School Campus; optional lunch, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

HBS Director of Media and Public Relations Jim Aisner will lead this tour of the campus. It will be followed by an optional on-your-own lunch at Spangler Center. (<http://www.hbs.edu/maps/>) The information flyer has been sent to E-List subscribers. By the time this newsletter reaches readers, the event may be full.

**MAY 17, THURSDAY, 8:00 p.m.**

**Boston Pops, Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Leonard Bernstein**

Registration flyers were sent separately by email. The registration deadline was May 1.

**MAY 24, THURSDAY**

**Harvard's 367<sup>th</sup> Commencement**

Principal afternoon speaker, Congressman John Lewis of Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> District. Details about tickets for this event have been sent to the E-List.

**MAY 29, TUESDAY, 11:30-2:00 p.m.**

**HURA Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Professor Robert Kegan, speaker. Harvard Law School Milstein Hall**



Robert Kegan is the William and Miriam Meehan Research Professor in Adult Learning and Professional Development, Emeritus, at Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

He is a renowned psychologist whose work explores ongoing psychological transformation in adulthood, the fit between adult capacities, and the hidden demands of modern life. His seminal books, *The Evolving Self* and *In Over Our Heads*, have been published in several languages. As a speaker, he is known for his engaging style and wit.

Registration flyer was sent separately by mail and to the E-List.

**OCTOBER 5, FRIDAY, 2:30 p.m.**

**Inauguration of Harvard's 29<sup>th</sup> president, Lawrence S. Bacow**, in a ceremony filled with centuries-old traditions. HURA expects to be able to reserve a special seating section for this event for its members. Tercentenary Theatre, Harvard Yard.

## Nominating Committee Report

**The HURA Board of Directors** has voted to accept the report of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee, which presents the following slate of Officers and Directors for election by the HURA members attending the Annual Meeting, May 29, 2018.

### Report of the FY 2018 HURA Nominating Committee

For re-election as Officers for terms July 2018 to June 2021:

Paul Upson, Treasurer 3rd term

Dolores Mullin, Recording Secretary/Clerk 3rd term

Carleen Farrell, Membership Secretary 3rd term

For re-election as Directors for terms July 2018 to June 2021:

Diantha Brown, 4th term

Jackie Benson Jones, 2nd term

Mary Ann Mendes, 2nd term

*Submitted by Diantha Brown, Chair  
Nominating Committee*

## IN MEMORIAM

### Recently Deceased HURA Members

**We regret to report** that HHR Benefits has informed HURA of the recent deaths of the following members. Paul Casco, Mary Gill, Geraldine "Gerry" Kaye, Barbara Lewalski, Ulrich Petersen, Barbara Rimbach, Peter Phillip Rogers, and Susan "Sue" Seymour.

## HURA Membership Renewal

### June is HURA membership renewal time.

Look for your renewal information to arrive in the mail in mid-June. We hope that you will return the form with your check for \$20 to renew for another year of membership.

Among the benefits of membership is a free subscription to the *Harvard Health Letter* (itself a \$20 value), discounts on tickets to area cultural and sporting events, five issues of this newsletter, invitations to HURA events on campus and beyond, and the opportunity to stay engaged with University friends and colleagues.

# HURA Day: The Upside of Downsizing

A capacity crowd of HURA members and guests filled the convention area of the Charles Hotel on March 12 to hear speakers and talk with service providers who specialize in helping seniors with moving out or aging in place as solutions to living in older age.

The handout describing support organizations and services can be found on the HURA website at <https://HURA.harvard.edu> under Other Resources/ Downsizing Resources.



HURA director Sydney Fingold, who served on the event planning committee, with HURA president Donna Chiozzi and Suzanne Styffe of Cambridge Neighbors.



Above photo: What one downsizing grand daughter found in the attic.  
At right: HURA director John Collins and HURA treasurer Paul Upson.



Malcolm Hamilton, HURA past president and downsizing program organizer, at the More Than Words table.



Featured speaker Helene Vecchione, owner of More Than a Move, with her associate, Chris Cronin Tozzi.



Left: Julie-Ann and Art Cormier of Home Instead. Above: HURA vice president Bev Sullivan and HURA director Diantha Brown. Right: Barbara Selwyn of Cambridge Neighbors.



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## HURA and ASA Collaborate on Arlington Program



Leta Serafim signs copies of her books following her talk.

**HURA joined forces** with the Arlington Seniors Association (ASA) to present mystery writer Leta Serafim, discussing her latest novel, *From the Devil's Farm*. The event took place on April 12 in the main hall of the Arlington Senior Center before a crowd of 48 HURA and ASA members. Following the talk, all were treated to a variety of Greek pastries, including baklava, while Serafim signed copies of her recent books.

This was the first time HURA has co-sponsored an event with another organization. We were pleased that a few HURA members who live in Arlington visited the Senior Center for the first time. The program's success suggests we may try to do this in other places in the future.

HURA is a tax-exempt 501 (c) 7 all-volunteer organization. Membership is open to benefits-eligible retirees of Harvard University and is complimentary until the renewal period the following June 30. Thereafter dues are \$20 annually.

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