* 00:34:09 Dee Harris: I didn’t see an agenda. Can someone paste it into the chat, please??
* 00:34:21 Mike Radway 76/'77: Reacted to "I didn’t see an agen..." with 👍
* 00:34:35 Jim McKeever: Agenda for Five-Year BA/Other Gap Year Participant Meet-Up
  + Thursday, September 26, 2024, 4:00PM Eastern
  + Welcome Remarks:
    - Mark McCormick, 5-Year BA, India, 1966-1967
    - Tim Weiskel, 5-Year BA, Africa, 1966-1967
    - Lloyd Kaufman, Gap Year, Chad, 1965-1966
    - Rob Bildner, 5-Year BA, Iran, 1970-1971
  + Purpose of Meeting: To convene those who attended Yale during the years of 1964 to 1980 and took a 1 year gap year during that time. To explore whether they want to get together on an ongoing basis for discussions and/or activities of interest to a significant portion of the group.
  + Explore what discussions or activities people are interested in pursuing going forward, if any.
  + Decide on next steps, if any.
* 00:36:38 Dee Harris: Thanks for that!
* 00:37:45 Dee Harris: May I suggest that folks can add their names/dates/location(s) of their gap year so we get a sense of more of the participants’ experiences?
* 00:38:16 Dee Harris: EG. My name is Dee Harris, I took a gap year in 1978-79 in Leningrad and the Soviet Union
* 00:39:26 Mariko Lockhart: Mariko Lockhart, Class of 1980. I took a gap year in 1978-1979 and taught Spanish in Spain and painted.
* 00:40:03 Leslie Reuter: Leslie Reuter, gap year 1975-76, worked full time in Portland ME to save money for remainder of my Yale years.
* 00:40:14 Jay Mead: Jay Mead, JE ’76 (but 1977 after the gap year): a year teaching and traveling in Kenya, 74-75.
* 00:40:17 Christine Heselmann: My name is Christine Heselmann and I took a gap year in 1978-79 at the Sorbonne, Paris, and lived with a French family.
* 00:40:26 Eric Warner: I did not receive an Agenda for this meeting either.
* 00:40:27 Rick Lowe's iPhone: My name is Rick Lowe, ‘78. Took gap year from Jan 76-Dec 76. Worked in DC for US senator and then in my hometown Philadelphia for a lawyer.
* 00:40:28 Mariko Lockhart: I meant I taught ENGLISH in Spain!
* 00:40:29 Dee Harris: Reacted to "Mariko Lockhart, Cla..." with 👍🏽
* 00:40:39 Cara Hyson: My name is Cara Worthington ’77 Hyson. I was in the 5 year BA program and spent the school year 1975-76 in Costa Rica working with tropical ecologists
* 00:40:48 Jim Burnham '77 gap 75-76: Replying to "Leslie Reuter, gap y..."
* Me too! Yal ewas so expensive then!
* 00:41:04 Jim McKeever Indonesia 1969-70: Jim McKeever. Originally Class of 1971. Did my 5 year BA in East Java in 1969-1970.
* 00:41:05 Linc Duffy: Linc Duffy JE '76. Took a gap year in Florence '74-'75.
* 00:41:16 Lisa Barlow: Lisa Barlow, Class of 1980. I took a gap year in Paris where I worked as a photographer, learned French and studied theater.
* 00:41:16 Sarah Farmer: Sarah Farmer, took a year off from Yale after my sophomore year 1977-78 and worked on a sheep farm in France. Became a historian of France. Teach history at UC Irvine.
* 00:41:25 Mike Radway 76/'77: Mike Radway '76 (graduated '77). Gap year 1974-1975 in Washington, DC.
* 00:41:27 Leslie Reuter: Replying to "Leslie Reuter, gap y…"
* Tuition doubled in the time I was there.
* 00:41:34 Sarah Bachman: Hi I am Sally Bachman. I went to Bangladesh — working with Gonoshasthaya Kendra (the People’s Health Center) outside of Dhaka — and then traveled in India. I graduated with the class of 1980, technically, but remain affiliated with my original 1979 class.
* 00:41:47 Lupi Robinson: Was the bursary student for the program. I read, mimeographed, and mailed your letters and felt I knew some of you.
* 00:41:57 J Craig Fong: J Craig Fong, 5-er, taught English-American Lang and Lit in Tokyo-Yokohama Japan 1975-76. Orig Class of ‘77, graduated with Class of ‘78.
* 00:41:58 Leslie Reuter: Replying to "I did not receive an…" It is above in the chat
* 00:42:02 Sarah Bachman: October 1977-December 1980.
* 00:42:08 Kevin Batt: Kevin Batt, Class of '71. Fiver in 68-69 in Chiapas Mexico, teaching indigenous students
* 00:42:25 Jim Caron: Jim Caron, class of 1972. Created a gap year program 1971-72, worked as a Head Start teacher on the Navajo Nation in Arizona. Lead to an interest in cross-cultural psychology, and graduate school program at Harvard, mentored by Robert LeVine, a prominent psychological anthropologist. Career as a psychologist with a strong interest in cultural influences and differences, as a factor in human development.
* 00:42:29 Jay Mead: Replying to "Linc Duffy JE '76. T..." Remember you from JE, Linc—nice to see you again after 45 years!
* 00:42:31 Sam Austin: Sam Austin--I took a gap year 78-79, stayed in New Haven, wrote a musical, and rallied a bunch of people around it to revive the Dramat tradition of original commencement musicals
* 00:42:44 Sarah Farmer: Sarah Farmer, started with Class if ’79 and graduated in ‘80
* 00:43:19 Linc Duffy: Replying to "Linc Duffy JE '76. T..." Likewise!!
* 00:43:21 Katharine Webster: Katharine Webster -- not a formal Fiver. I took a gap year with my then-best friend, Suzanne Siftar Ryan, from 1976-77.
* 00:43:22 Richard Skolnik: Richard Skolnik, originally class of ’71. I spent a year in Laoag City, in the Northern Philippines, teaching general science and biology at a small high school. I lived with the same family with whom I had lived as a high school summer exchange student.
* 00:43:34 Eric Warner: Eric Warner, BA In English '74 having taken an independent Gap year in 1973, when I should have graduated. I simply went home and did work experience to build funds for travelling across the USA.
* 00:44:04 Jim Burnham '77 gap 75-76: Replying to "Leslie Reuter, gap y..." $5000 in 1973 and $7500 in 77.
* 00:44:06 Richard Roe: I’m RICHARD (RICK) ROE. I started with class of 1968, got permission for a Junior Year Abroad, in Bogotá, Colombia, which I completed. When I returned to Yale in September, 1967, I asked for and received permission for another year. So I was assigned to the Class of 1969. I had a great year, the highlight of which was a 2 month long Christmas vacation when I went around the whole of South America with my classmate Larry Ross. I later had 2 Fulbright Fellowships to teach in Brazil at Mackenzie Presbyterian University and in fact am teaching a virtual class there tonight and tomorrow AM. It was a transformative year for me. My return to Yale was positive since I had many friends. After a few more years of various forms of searching I went to law school, directed an unusual program at Georgetown Law until retirement, and continue to teach around the world. Email: roe@georgetown.edu
* 00:44:16 Dick Ewing: Dick Ewing, gap year 1971-1972 in Washington, DC Worked, rowed crew, took classes, and got my head together consulting with a great shrink. Transformed my life!
* 00:45:06 Mariko Lockhart: Replying to "Leslie Reuter, gap y..." $14k when I graduated in 1980
* 00:45:08 John Fleming 68/69. Nepal. Pierson. Sr year Old Campus RA: John Fleming, Pierson ’70 (grad 71), Nepal, out 1968/69. on return to Yale spent senior year on Old Campus as an RA. Still practicing medicine full time. Now spend multiple weeks per year in East and South Africa. Teach at FAME Hospital by zoom (Foundation for African Medial Education) in Karatu Tanzania
* 00:45:22 Kate Sandweiss: Kate Sandweiss , originally Class of 1979 here. Graduated with ’80, affiliate with ’79. I did my independent “junior year abroad” in Tennessee. 4 months at the Center for Southern Folklore documenting traditional folkart in the rural MS Delta. 8 months in Nashville at a state agency documenting traditional crafts people throughout Middle and East Tennessee. Led me to switch from being an art major to American Studies. Used my research to write several papers on return.
* 00:45:25 Katharine (Kate) Sacks: Kate Sacks, Hopper/Calhoun '77. I spent a 5 Year BA Year in Upper Volta/Burkina Faso in the 1975-1976 as a projects officer for Catholic Relief Services. I was amazed to read about the history of the program and the academic programming and social support that followed the early Fivers' return. We had none of that, and minimal college support for the transition on return.
* 00:45:41 Robert Kory: Robert Kory SY 73, took a year 70-71 to become teacher of Transcendental Meditation
* 00:45:45 Katharine (Kate) Sacks: Hi there, Cara! Nice to see you again! Kate
* 00:46:07 Steve Sidney: Steve Sidney, identify with class of '71, graduated in '72. Taught the "new math" to elementary school teachers in Lagos, Nigeria, in 1969-70.
* 00:46:22 Ed Kamens: Thanks for shout-out, Rob. How are Elisa and all the (grown-up) kids?
* 00:47:19 John Gipson: John Gipson (Trumbull) '77. Originally class of '76. Spent a year working in a crab cannery in Unalaska, Alaska. I was born and raised in India (missionary parents), and Yale was a real culture shock.
* 00:47:23 Michael Reich: Michael Reich, 1968-71 Yale, then 1971 to Japan with 5YearBA, which became three years, coauthored book on Japan's environmental problems, which was my senior essay to graduate in 1974; been back to Japan nearly every year since... on Harvard's public health faculty since 1983.
* 00:48:39 John Fleming 68/69. Nepal. Pierson. Sr year Old Campus RA: Replying to "Michael Reich, 1968-..." I think we started in the same group
* 00:48:44 Perry Thorndyke: Perry Thorndyke, originally Class of 1970, a beneficiary of the newish administration policy to broaden diversity (came from a large public school in Omaha) Withdrew near the end of 2nd semester freshman year, and spent a year of personal growth and academic coursework at the University of Minnesota and University of Omaha—all of which locked in my determination to finish at Yale. Returned as a sophomore in Fall 1968, developed Division IV major in Artificial Intelligence, and graduated in 1971. To this day, I half-identify with both Classes of 70 and 71.
* 00:48:51 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): Susan Mazer: I took a year off btw my Jr and Sr years to work as a research assistant for a professor of evolutionary biology at Yale who had just received his first NSF grant. I aimed to become better prepared for grad school in plant evolutionary biology, and I guess it worked. I earned my PhD at UC Davis and have spent the last 36 years as a professor of Plant Evolution at UC Santa Barbara. Not exactly a far-flung adventure to begin with, but it led to many adventures in the future.
* 00:49:00 Taylor Greer: My name is Taylor Greer ’77. After my junior year, I moved to Washington, DC and pivoted from pre-law into musical performance. When I returned to Yale, I lived, ate, and drank music, and eventually pursued a doctorate in musicology. That year changed my life…
* 00:49:43 Ed Kamens: Ed Kamens ’74. I went to Kurashiki, Japan, to tech English in ’72-’73. Preceded in that job by David Goodman ’69 and Steve Hammell (’72). (David is deceased.) Eventually taught Japanese literature at Yale 1985-2022, now retired and living in L.A. David Goodman taught modern Japanese theatre at U of Kansas and later at U of Illinois; Steve is an international businessman.
* 00:50:27 Richard Rohret: Rick Rohrer ‘72, Gabon and Tanzania. Will have to leave this session a little early but very motivated to stay involved
* 00:50:30 Jim Burnham '77 gap 75-76: Replying to "John Gipson (Trumbul..." Same class as me. I spent 76 washing dishes in Anchorage for some of my year away!
* 00:50:35 Irwin Krieger: Irwin Krieger '76, took a year and a half, traveled in Europe and half year on a kibbutz
* 00:50:46 John Lowe '76, graduated '77: John Lowe, originally ’76, graduated ’77. Dropped out after my freshman year and went to Brazil. Ended up teaching English in “o Nordeste” (Aracajú, Sergipe) before deciding the return. Hitchhiked back overland to the USA to start my sophomore year with a much better attitude.
* 00:51:25 Jim Burnham '77 gap 75-76: Replying to "John Lowe, originall..." Same class as me. Spent most of 76 hitchhiking too!
* 00:51:37 John Lowe '76, graduated '77: Reacted to "Same class as me. S..." with 👍
* 00:51:59 Michael Reich: Replying to "Michael Reich, 1968-..." John, it is going to take some effort to shake up those brain cells to remember you...
* 00:52:08 Dee Harris: Replying to "EG. My name is Dee ..." BTW I was originally class of 1980, graduated in December of 80 (so technically class of 1981) but affiliate still with 1980. Nice to see so many other Class of 80 folks here!
* 00:52:14 Alex Sherriffs, '74: Sam Chauncy thank you thank you maybe saved my life, certainly set me onto a wonderful life as clinician and educator. Not lost but bewildered by all of the post college opportunities. needed time away from university to figure commitment- also wasn't ready to be drafted. Ended up in Ghana, maths education and medical research- decided clinical medicine was worth cost of having to memorize Harrison's text. Got no support from univ on return, except Yale med interest in studying my stool for parasites. I want to encourage all yalies to consider a "gap" year!!!!!!!!!!!!
* 00:52:16 Steve Garfink: Replying to "My name is Taylor Gr..." Steve Garfink, SY 73. 5 Yr BA 71-72 in Madagascar, rural development work under a Catholic Relief Services program. Following Yale spent several years working in development program in various Francophone countries in West Africa. Life happened and I ended up mostly in San Jose CA - though now I've been living in central Mexico the last 5 years...
* 00:52:16 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): Oddly, I had no idea that there was a 5-year program while I was at Yale. I simply took a gap year (as described above) and started back up where I left off. I guess I was more out of the loop than I imagined!
* 00:52:27 John Lowe '76, graduated '77: Replying to "John Lowe, originall..." I was in Trumbull. How did we not know each other! 🙄
* 00:52:53 Linc Duffy: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." Susan same for me...Linc
* 00:53:00 Sarah Bachman: When I returned to Yale in January 1980, I found the seminar taught by the late Prof. Jim Scott — examining quiet forms of political resistance — to be extremely helpful. He recently passed away but I am glad to see that he is still being honored for his ground-breaking work.
* 00:53:02 Mariko Lockhart: Reacted to "When I returned to Y..." with 👍🏽
* 00:53:03 Leslie Reuter: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea…"
* I had the same experience! Just found out now about the 5-year program.
* 00:53:06 Dee Harris: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." Same with me, Susan! I was totally unaware of a formal 5 year option!!
* 00:53:17 Nathaniel Brown: Nat Brown (YC Class of 1970). I think I am the only Yalie on this TC who dropped-out twice, never graduated, but went to med school. Dropped-out in 1968 to join VISTA x 1 year, then 2 years at Penn taking basic science courses to return to Yale as aJunior MB&B major, then dropped out after Junior year to short-track into Georgetown Med, from which I graduated (with honors) in 1976. Had a productive medical career in Infectious Diseases (academic med and biotech), now retired in CA Bay Area. Biotech stock windfalls led to donations to Yale Med programs and my designation as a Sterling Fellow of Yale U.
* 00:53:29 Sarah Farmer: I hope we will have time for breakout rooms before the hour is up. I have to go teach a class ….
* 00:53:41 David Wilk: David Wilk, Y72, also not an official 5er, I dropped out after first semester freshman year, went to the Bay Area to join the counterculture, but when I got a 1A draft notice re-applied to Yale and thanks to Dean Wilkinson and Kingman Brewster was re-admitted, then spent six months in New Haven working on a community center, back to Yale as a 73 until I was able to catch up with 72 with extra classes and AP credits. My time away inspired me to make my Yale experience as rich and active as I could, studying anthropology and linguistics, creative writing, and as many graduate level classes they would let me take, and by being involved in as many cultural and arts activities as I could experience in three years. Hello Meg Custer, Paul Muller, Sam Chauncey!
* 00:53:45 Eric Warner: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." I also had no idea there wasa formal program for this. A bit like the Yale Secret Societies..?? You had to be in the know??
* 00:53:47 Mariko Lockhart: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." Same with me.
* 00:53:52 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." Yep, me too. I sort of think that we might have been such out-of-the-box outliers that we didn’t think that there would be a way to connect then or now with like-minded fellow-travelers.
* 00:54:06 Dee Harris: Reacted to "When I returned to Y..." with 👍🏽
* 00:54:24 David Wilk: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." me too - had no idea what I was doing was even vaguely related to an official program
* 00:54:36 Sam Austin: I can't stay for the breakout but would love to stay connected with this extraordinary group
* 00:54:38 Katharine (Kate) Sacks: Replying to "Kate Sacks, Hopper/C..." Tickled to hear of the reference to my dad, Herb Sacks, who visited many of the early Fivers. I may have met some of you as a high schooler when my dad, Prosser Gifford, the Mintzes and the Foltzes used to gather with you at dinners at our home. My dad was a child psychiatrist who had been an early Peace Corps consultant, and couldn't have been more enthusiastic about the value of this program and the need to support all of you psychologically during and after your sojourns.
* 00:54:39 Dee Harris: Reacted to "I hope we will have ..." with 👍🏽
* 00:54:45 Alex Sherriffs, '74: I want access to chat post zoom! How can that happen?
* 00:55:08 John Lowe '76, graduated '77: Replying to "Oddly, I had no idea..." Me too. I think I had heard of the 5 year BA, but decided, without any information, that it was not for me.
* 00:55:10 Ed Kamens: To the best of my knowledge, the program as such—as an official Yale College program—did not survive into the 80s, so it’s not a surpirse if members of those classes didn’t know about it. We need a history of the program!
* 00:55:12 Rob Bildner: Replying to "Kate Sacks, Hopper/C..." Amazing! He was a wonderful guy!
* 00:55:22 Jim Caron: Wesley Cohen class of 1972 isn't here but please reach out to him - he had formative experiences in Madagascar, probably influencing his decision to pursue graduate studies in Economics. He's a professor at Duke.
* 00:55:25 Richard Skolnik: Replying to "Kate Sacks, Hopper/C..." Thanks Kate for your very gracious and touching comments
* 00:55:26 Dick Ewing: Great to be a part of this group. Have to run now. Look forward to staying connected!
* 00:55:31 Leslie Sawyer: Leslie Sawyer ex-’75/ B.A. ’79, DC. Left Yale 1/73 to become a Research Student at University of Tokyo, traveled extensively in S/SE Asia, completed Yale B.A. ‘79
* 00:55:35 Katharine (Kate) Sacks: Replying to "Kate Sacks, Hopper/C..." 😊
* 01:08:58 Katharine Webster: I'm sorry -- I have to leave, but I enjoyed this. I never knew about the Fivers program. Please let me know about the next chat, and thank you for organizing this!
* 01:09:11 Sarah Farmer: Thanks for organizing this. I look forward to the follow up email…
* 01:09:13 Leslie Reuter: Our group would like to continue these meetings
* 01:09:38 Kevin Batt: We just introduced ourselves. Not enough time to discuss next steps. Personally, I think another reunion would be great
* 01:10:35 Kate Sandweiss: When did the 5 Yr program end?
* 01:10:46 Jim McKeever Indonesia 1969-70: I agree on putting together a history of the 5 Year BA.
* 01:10:57 Nathaniel Brown: I am OK with another online meeting -
* 01:11:16 Jim McKeever Indonesia 1969-70: And perhaps a group memoir of all the other fascinating gap year experiences of everyone else.
* 01:11:40 Kate Sandweiss: One idea is to make our groups’ names available to current students considering a gap year.
* 01:11:51 Dee Harris: If you put together only a history of the 5 year program, you will miss some extremely strong/rich stories from those of us who made our own programs/gapyears
* 01:11:54 David Wilk: Group 8 did not appoint a leader. Very apropos our era
* 01:12:03 Jordan Ryan: Some ideas:
  + Mentorship Program Establish a structured mentorship program connecting our cohort with current Yale students interested in taking gap years or pursuing international experiences. This could involve one-on-one pairings, group mentoring sessions, or workshops where we share our insights and lessons learned.
  + Oral History Project Collaborate with Yale's history department or alumni office to create an oral history project documenting our unique experiences. This could involve recorded interviews, written memoirs, or a digital archive, preserving our perspectives on this transformative period in Yale's history for future generations.
  + Global Initiatives Fund Establish a fund to support current Yale students in pursuing meaningful gap year experiences or international projects. Our cohort could contribute financially and offer guidance in selecting and supporting recipients.
* 01:12:30 Dee Harris: Reacted to "Some ideas: Mentors..." with 👍🏽
* 01:12:32 Allison West: Reacted to "Some ideas: Mentors..." with 👍🏽
* 01:12:41 David Wilk: Reacted to "Some ideas: Mentors..." with 👍
* 01:12:46 Leslie Reuter: Reacted to "Some ideas: Mentors…" with 👍🏽
* 01:12:50 Leslie Sawyer: I would like to continue meeting with this Group.
* 01:13:00 Kate Sandweiss: Reacted to "Some ideas: Mentors..." with 👍🏽
* 01:13:07 Dee Harris: Replying to "Some ideas: Mentors..." I particularly like ideas #2 and #3
* 01:13:12 Linc Duffy: Reacted to "Group 8 did not appo..." with 😂
* 01:13:12 Steve Sidney: Mark and Tim,
* 01:13:30 Robert Kory: Happy to join another meeting. Have to leave a bit early. Enjoyed finding out about the program as I was not aware of the 5 year program. I just took a year off and as with all here, it seems, that year proved very important in my life. How do we use our experience to facilitate renewal of the program for students today?
* 01:13:43 Cara Hyson: If time doesn’t permit: I was asked to speak for Group 5: the two priorities we discussed were: 1. finding a way to stay in touch- maybe a Facebook Group 2. Finding a way for the university or private investors to financially support students who would like to take a gap year. For some it is prohibitively expensive to learn school for a year. Without financial support a gap year adds to inequity of experience for Yale students
* 01:13:58 Leslie Reuter: Replying to "Some ideas: Mentors…" I also think #2 and #3 are great ideas to move forward with.
* 01:14:13 Steve Sidney: Mark and Tim, I am not sure I have your email address, perhaps others do
* 01:14:17 Allison West: Mentoring for students considering a year off. I was '79 and did not know 5 yr existed; I did it myself.
* 01:14:56 Jim McKeever Indonesia 1969-70: Please let us all know email contacts for you.
* 01:15:22 John Lowe '76, graduated '77: Inasmuch as the Vietnam War and the draft was an important dimension of all of our experiences, I wanted to contribute that I was a draft dodger — never registered — and lived with the concern that at any moment I might be incarcerated…. Any other draft dodgers out there?
* 01:15:30 Don Greif: Don Greif, ’77; I feel like a fraud here. I took off my spring semester junior year (1976) because I was told it was the only way to use my one semester’s worth of extra course credits. I traveled for four months in Europe and worked on a kibbutz for a month. This experience opened up and expanded my world and cultivated a taste for adventure and new experiences. When I returned to Yale in my senior year I was more focused and did a lot better in my courses, a phenomenon that Sam Chauncey noted in our breakout group. After Yale I worked as a community organizer for VISTA and eventually became a clinical and forensic psychologist and a passionate golfer.
* 01:15:55 Dee Harris: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." Me too. 🙂
* 01:16:09 Yale Fivers: tweiskel@gmail.com, mark.mccormick565@gmail.com
* 01:16:16 Kate Sandweiss: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." Same with me
* 01:16:36 Leslie Sawyer: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." Same with me
* 01:17:37 Dee Harris: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." I think the program must have been winding down or closing out, how could it have been coincidental that we all were there around 79-80?
* 01:18:16 Kate Sandweiss: Yale seems to have lots of moneyed fellowships that enable students to do programs during summers.
* 01:18:18 Sarah Bachman: One idea I like: providing more academic support for people who take time away from Yale
* 01:18:24 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." Interesting point, Dee. Also, I was in biology (ecology/evolution), so the fact that the title of the program included “B.A.” (not “B.S.”) might be relevant to some of us.
* 01:18:25 Drake Pike: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." It closed in '72 I believe....
* 01:18:32 Dee Harris: Reacted to "One idea I like: pro..." with 👍🏽
* 01:19:55 Dee Harris: Cara, thanks for that, it’s a very important point!
* 01:19:58 Sarah Bachman: I agree with Cara about the need for financial support
* 01:20:03 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): I worked full-time during my gap year, but I agree in spirit with Cara’s general point.
* 01:20:29 Rick Lowe's iPhone: Group 1 summary: ​Meet with students on campus who are considering gap year Regional meeting of folks on this call
* 01:21:49 Leslie Reuter: Replying to "I worked full-time d…" I also worked full time during my unofficial gap year. I used two summer semesters ( the tuition was less) to stayed on track with my class and graduated on time.
* 01:22:15 Dee Harris: Replying to "I worked full-time d..." I worked after return to make up lost resources from being abroad
* 01:22:19 Richard Roe: Who eles lives in the Washington, DC area? I live in Silver Spring, MD and still teach one course at Georgetown so get to DC once a week. roe@georgetown.edu
* 01:22:32 Eric Warner: Group 2 Chat Room - It would be interesting to continue the introductory discussion we started together. Happy if you email me at edw304@gmail.com and I can convene a follow on discussion. Thanks Eric
* 01:22:44 Dee Harris: Replying to "Who eles lives in th..." I am in the Bethesda area
* 01:23:15 Leslie Sawyer: Replying to "Who eles lives in th..." i’m in New York City
* 01:23:17 Jim Caron: Thanks to the organizers - what a great idea to explore these "extra-academic" influences on our life courses, and perhaps how to make these opportunities available to more students.
* 01:23:31 Richard Roe: Replying to "Who eles lives in th..." Please email me roe@georgetown.edu
* 01:23:36 Dee Harris: Reacted to "Thanks to the organi..." with 👍🏽
* 01:24:02 Rob Bildner: Thanks Mark and Tim for organizing this session!
* 01:24:10 Richard Roe: Replying to "Who eles lives in th..." Please email me at roe@georgetown.edu
* 01:24:14 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): And maybe circulate the email addresses (for those who give permission) AND regions/cities where each person lives so that we can self-organize in-person mtgs.
* 01:24:17 Nathaniel Brown: Replying to "Mentoring for studen..." I DON’T THINK THE 5-YEAR GAP PROGRAM SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD INCLUDE IMPOVERSHED US ZONES. I CAN TELL YOU FROM VISTA EXPERIENCE THAT THE POOR NEIGHBORHOODS OF DETROIT ARE A 3RD WORLD COUNTRY.
* 01:24:18 Jay Mead, JE '76: Thank you, organizers! Jay Mead, JE ’76, jaymead@yahoo.com
* 01:24:37 Jim Caron: Jim Caron caronjw@aol.com I think it was Group 1
* 01:24:39 Jim McKeever Indonesia 1969-70: Thank you, mark and Tim. And thank you Rob for the 2008 Reunion!
* 01:24:42 Jordan Ryan: Thank you.
* 01:24:58 Lisa Barlow: Thank you so much for gathering us here. My year away from Yale changed me in so many ways, most importantly it primed me to take better advantage of my following two years there. And surprisingly, I just published a book of the work I made upon returning to Yale. Released yesterday! So, this is a timely discussion!
* 01:25:08 Mariko Lockhart: Reacted to "Thank you so much fo..." with ❤️
* 01:25:22 Dee Harris: Reacted to "Thank you so much fo..." with 👍🏽
* 01:25:28 Richard Roe: Thank you, organizers. I’ll be glad to help with the follow up.
* 01:25:38 Rob Bildner: You are welcome!
* 01:25:52 Don Greif: I think an article in YAM is a great idea.
* 01:26:00 Taylor Greer: What address should I use to send Tim and Mark an email
* 01:26:13 Mariko Lockhart: Thanks so much for organizing this conversation. I'd like to stay connected.
* 01:26:16 Leslie Sawyer: Leslie Sawyer ’75 DC Thank you, organizers! I’d like to keep in touch with this group. So nice to hear from everyone. lesliesawyer99@gmail.com
* 01:26:19 Richard (Rick) Muehlke: Happy to meet again online. Or face to face in New England.
* 01:26:28 Dee Harris: Thanks everyone! very interesting ideas, glad to know this community actually exists. Being a self-made gapper, I did not know of many others having similar experienes
* 01:26:34 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): There is a link at the top where it shows … and you click on “Save chat"
* 01:26:35 Katharine (Kate) Sacks: Replying to "If time doesn’t perm..." Cara- I recall receiving two financial contributions from the program: health insurance and airfare. Other than that, I relied on my job in Burkina Faso. Is this different from what you recall?
* 01:26:41 Jay Mead, JE '76: Great idea, Sam! Save this chat.
* 01:26:42 Jim Caron: You can save the transcript of the entire meeting, I believe (not just the chat).
* 01:26:50 Sarah Bachman: Thank you everyone
* 01:26:55 Mariko Lockhart: there's an option in upper left three dots to Save Chat
* 01:26:58 Wesley Cohen: Thank you all, and especially to Mark and Tim. Best, Wes Cohen ('72)
* 01:27:00 Leslie Reuter: Group 3, Leslie Reuter, JE ‘78. Lreuter@sbcglobal.net. 818-451-9175. Let’s keep meeting.
* 01:27:10 Mariko Lockhart: Mariko Lockhart marikoL@uw.edu
* 01:27:11 Susan Mazer (Class of '80 [originally]): I just saved the chat as a txt.
* 01:27:14 Jim Caron: Thanks to Sam Chauncey for the many ways you've strengthened and transformed Yale, including coeducation!!
* 01:27:28 Phil Thorn: I enjoyed the conversation. I'd be happy to participate in follow-up Zooms. I participated in the program from 1967 to 1968, working as a math specialist for the Ethiopian Ministry of Education. It was a life changing experience for sure.
* 01:28:00 Tim Weiskel: Thanks everyone.... !