



Graduate School Life: Yale & New Haven



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Welcome to Yale

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS)!



“Yale is ...
a community of
scholars,
a society of
friends.”

- GSAS Students, most pursuing Ph.D: 3,000
- Professional Students in 11 other schools: 3,500
- Yale College Undergraduates: 5,500
- Yale Faculty & Staff: 11,000





Yale - Leadership in Graduate Education

since 1847

Graduate Education at Yale began in 1847:

- 1861: Yale Awarded First PhD in US
- 1874: First PhD in US awarded to African American, Edward Bouchet
- 1892: Women admitted for graduate study, 1st PhDs in 1894

Continuing Leadership in global graduate education:

- Full Funding for all PhD students, up to 6 years in Humanities & Soc. Sciences
- Free Yale Healthcare coverage for all fulltime students
- First endowed Graduate Student Center & Graduate Student Life program
- Family friendly programs – PhD health coverage & paid parental relief



“Yale University will begin providing a sixth year of funding for Ph.D. students in the humanities and social sciences who need it to finish their studies. Yale is the first university to make such a guarantee.” [Inside Higher Ed](#) 2-2-2015



Yale Continues Leadership in Research & Graduate Education

- **\$ 1.5 Billion** – invested in new science research facilities
- **\$ 50 Million** - new Humanities hub & program support
- **\$ 50 Million** - Faculty and Student Diversity initiatives
- **\$ 150 Million** - Schwarzman Campus Center
- **Yale West Campus** research groups & labs
- **Museums, Performance Spaces, Libraries & Collections** renovated & expanded
- New **Center for Teaching and Learning** (CTL)





The McDougal Graduate Center

Your Grad Community & Services Space



Endowed [McDougal Center](#) gives graduate students their own spaces to study, socialize, learn, relax.

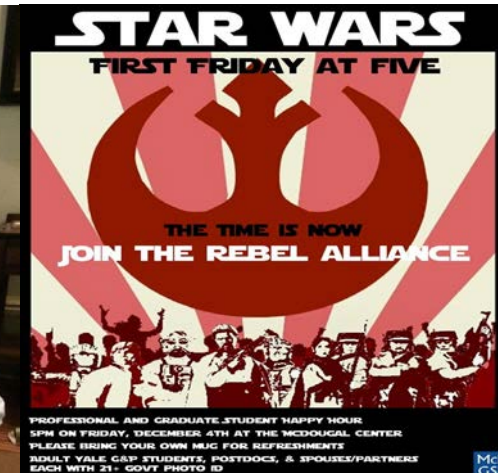
- Common Room Lounge
- Blue Dog Café
- Grad Student Life Events
- Grad Services Offices
- Meeting Rooms & Courtyard
- WiFi, Recharge & Print
- Family Resource Room
- E-Notes & Facebook





The McDougal Grad Center

McDougal Grad Student Life (GSL)



Fun & interesting GSL events planned by graduate student life fellows in the following program areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Family
- International
- Public Service
- Religious & Spiritual Life
- Social Life
- Sports & Recreation
- Wellness & Health

Get involved, balance your life, de-stress, meet new people in and outside your program!





GSAS Office for Graduate Development & Diversity

Collaborative office of McDougal Center



The **Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity (OGSDD)** supports diverse ethnicities, women, LGBTQ & first generation students:

- Emerging Scholars Program
- Speakers & wellness events open to all students
- Bouchet Seminars & Bouchet Graduate Conference
- Community building events and activities, some with Yale's Cultural Centers





Graduate Resources

at Yale Center for Teaching and Learning

The [Center for Teaching & Learning](#) - graduate student-focused writing, teaching & language programs, supported by the McDougal Center endowment.

[CTL Graduate Teaching Program: Staff & Fellows](#) lead:

- Workshops & consultations to improve your teaching
- Intro, advanced, and field-specific programs
- Teaching @ Yale Day for new teachers
- Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP) on Transcript

[CTL Graduate Writing Lab](#): Graduate writing fellows and tutors help you:

- Improve academic writing & papers - native & ESL writers
- Prepare grants & fellowships
- Write your prospectus & dissertation
- Dissertation boot camp & study halls
- Peer writing & grant review groups





Graduate Resources

Office of Career Strategy – GSAS & Post doc Programs

[Yale Office of Career Strategy \(OCS\)](#) helps you prepare for a career after Yale. OCS offers:

- One-on-one advising with grad career specialists
- Resume reviews
- Alumni programs & networking
 - Where do I go from Yale?

Academic Career Options:

- Annual Academic job search series
- Online Dossier & Credential service
- Field specific programs thru departments



Non-Academic Career Options:

- 25-60 % of GSAS graduates pursue non-academic careers - business, government, non-profits, arts, consulting, etc.
- On-campus employer events, alumni networking, student group activities
- Career advisors with area-specific expertise for Masters & PhD students



Graduate Resources

Your Graduate Student Government



The [Graduate Student Assembly \(GSA\)](#) is the Graduate School's official student government and voice. It offers you a chance to get involved, advocate for students, and make a change at Yale.

- 64 Elected Reps – 1 or more per dept.
- Meets twice a month in the McDougal Center @ HGS
- Addresses Graduate School student needs & concerns
- Works closely with Yale's administration & other grad groups
- \$50,000 in Conference Travel Fellowships awarded yearly
- Legal & tax advice programs

The GSA & GSAS Deans worked together on new 6th year funding – “*the best funding package for graduate students in the humanities and social sciences in the country.*”

(GSA 2015)



Life in the North Eastern U S

S u m m e r



W i n t e r



F a l l



S p r i n g



We have all four
seasons and fun
activities - from
fruit picking,
skiing, hiking and
beaches - to enjoy
year round!

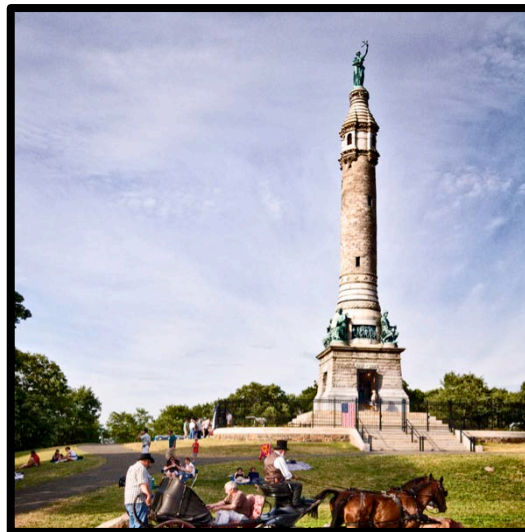


Life in New Haven

Inventions & Reinvention since 1638



“In short, its a city with Boston’s historic charm ,
Philadelphia’s artistic pleasures – and Buffalo’s beer
prices.” – [Washington Post](#)





Life in New Haven

- Walkable, green & growing city of 130,000+ - median age 30.1

Enjoy New Haven-Big City Life on a Graduate Student Budget

We can't cover everything great about life in New Haven here, so we try to provide you with links to the essential New Haven websites and tips for graduate students and families.

Halfway between Boston and New York City, **New Haven** offers great places to live in varied neighborhoods, a wide range of social, cultural, arts, and recreational opportunities: award-winning theaters, world class museums and galleries, exciting nightlife at clubs and pubs, diverse restaurants, cafes, and markets, wonderful parks and recreational areas, public schools nationally recognized for their reform efforts, and great shopping with national chains and local specialty stores. You and your family and friends can explore and get involved in your city, with many events for free or at graduate student discounts!



History



Housing



Neighborhoods



City/Government Services



Dine, Shop, Play, Live



News & Events

New Haven & Yale GSAS provide many resources to help you navigate the city and feel at home.

Check out:

- Living in New Haven:
← <http://livingnh.yale.edu/>

- GSAS Website- Life in New Haven
<http://gsas.yale.edu/life-yale/life-new-haven>

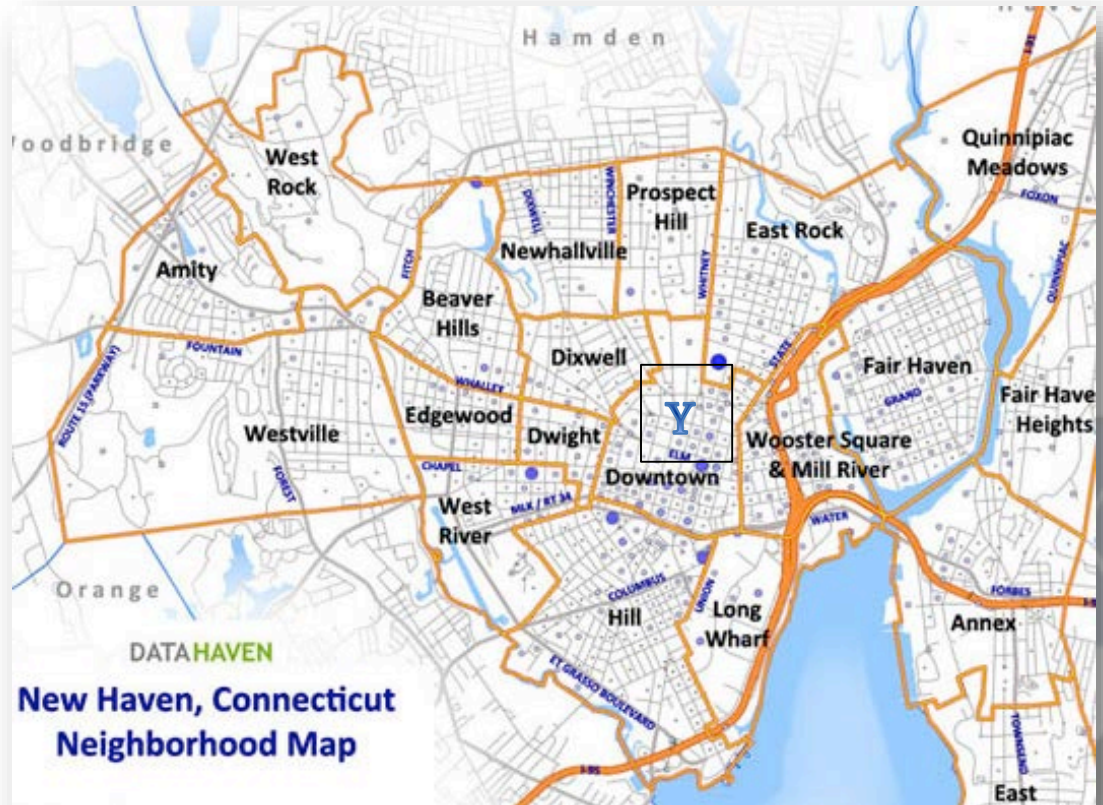
- Info New Haven
<http://www.Infonewhaven.com>

Living On & Near Campus

New Haven - a city of distinctive, lively neighborhoods

Many graduate students opt to rent in **Downtown**, **Dwight**, **East Rock**, **Prospect/Science Hill**, **Wooster Square**, or **Westville** neighborhoods.

Each neighborhood has its own feel – with shops, cafes, parks, and great places to live and play.



Near Yale, students can live in Yale grad dorms, Yale owned apartments, or other off-campus privately-owned apartment buildings.



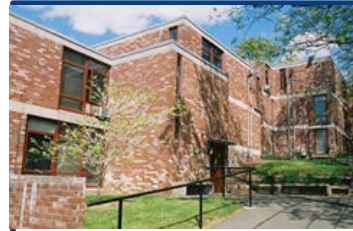
Living On & Near Campus

Housing Options – On-campus Housing – Apply Starting 4/1



On-Campus Grad Dorms

- Hall of Graduate Studies
- Helen Hadley Hall
- Harkness & house style dorms
- Kitchens or Meal Plan
- **\$690+ /month 1 BR furnished**



On-Campus Grad Apartments

- Prospect/Science Hill & York
- For couples, house mates or families with kids
- **\$1,226+ /month for 2 BR unit**



Yale owned Off-Campus apts

- [Elm Campus](#) -Yale Owned, privately managed near Yale
- Downtown or Science Hill
- **~\$1,000+ /month+ 1-3 BRs**

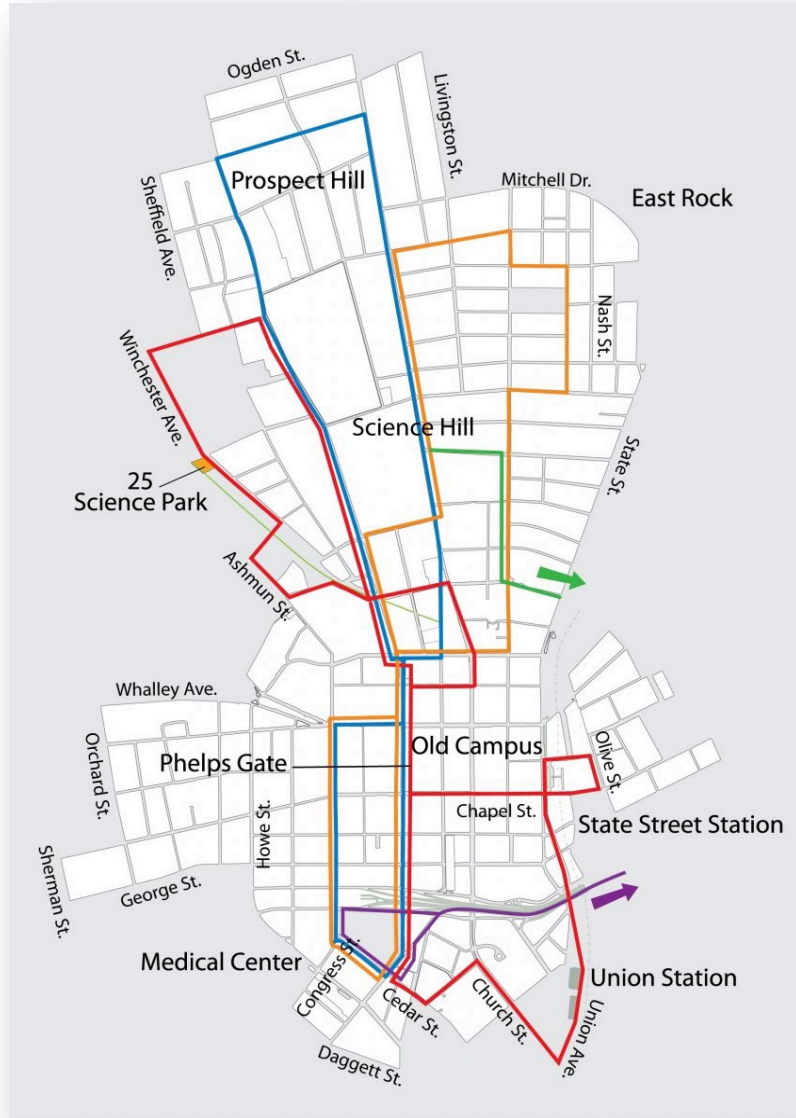


Off-Campus Apts.

- [Yale Listing Service & Roommate match](#) online
- Private landlords
- Historic charm, urban chic
- **More affordable than many peer university cities**
- **\$500-\$1,600+ /month 1-3 BR, self or shared**



Living On & Near Campus



Free Yale day & night shuttle service:

- Check routes & boundaries when thinking about where to live in New Haven - especially if you don't have or want a car to get around

White area = Yale night shuttle service boundaries in city:

95 % of Grad & Prof students live within boundaries.

Yale Shuttle serves neighborhoods bordering Yale campus, not the entire City of New Haven. CT Transit buses, trains & bikeways help you get around city and to surrounding areas.



Get Around Campus & City

No Car — No Problem!

Transportation Options

- Walking: Easy and free!
- Biking: Bike-friendly routes & bike-share program
- Yale Shuttles: Free! Day & Weekend Routes + Door-to-Door at Night
- CT Transit: Local buses: \$1.50/ride, day passes; GPS in 2016
- Commuter & Regional Trains
- Zipcar: Car Sharing with a Yale Discount
- Parking: for a fee
 - City street parking, lots & garages, Parkmobile App
 - On-campus student parking garages ~ \$100/month

Life in New Haven

Eating in the Elm City

- New Haven is a **foodie city** with great on-campus and off-campus options and convenient grocery stores, cafes and coffee shops

Yale Dining Services:

- 18 dining halls & cafés
 - Meal plans, points, credit/debit
- HGS & other plan options



New Haven Dining & Food

- Amazing Restaurants & Cafes
- Grocery, Vegan & Specialty Stores
- Farmers Markets & Food Trucks
- Online ordering & delivery



“the most gastronomically blessed town” Chef Mario Batali 2015



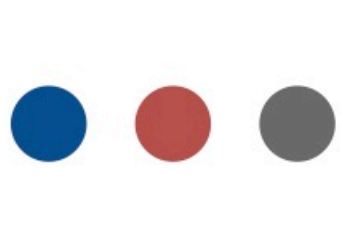
- Big City Arts attractions - Student prices!
 - Free & discounted festivals, movies, libraries, museums
- Yale - arts, music, theater, dance
- New Haven – concerts, jazz, theaters
- McDougal GSL Fellows plan “Grad Night” Arts events at Yale and in New Haven
- Student performance groups & shows



Life in New Haven

Cultural Events





Life in New Haven

Social & Night Life

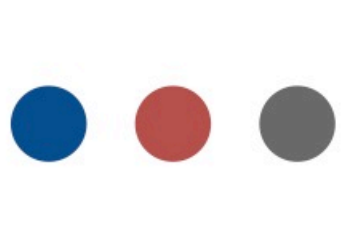
New Haven:

Great social & music scene: breweries, dance clubs, coffee bars, jazz clubs, concert halls, happy hour deals and late night snacks.

Yale-Sponsored

- McDougal Grad Center at HGS:
 - First Friday @ Five Grad Happy Hours, Winter Ball
 - Arts, music, sports, wellness, family events and more!
- GPSCY & Gryphon's Pub
 - Grad Student Pub with dances & parties
- Grad Student Groups: celebrations, dances, and socials.





Life in New Haven

Sports, Recreation, & Fitness

Payne Whitney Gym:

- Free for students with Yale ID; spouse/partner can join (\$)
- Fitness center, weights, pools, courts
- Fitness & dance classes (\$)
- Grad IM, Club, Pick-up sports

Other Yale Sports & Rec Facilities:

- Yale Bowl
- Tennis Center
- Golf Course
- Ice Rink
- Sailing Center
- Outdoor Center
- Baseball & IM fields

New Haven:

- Many Parks - fields, hiking, biking, canoeing, nature centers, etc.
- Fitness & Yoga studios, cycling & running groups, rec sports





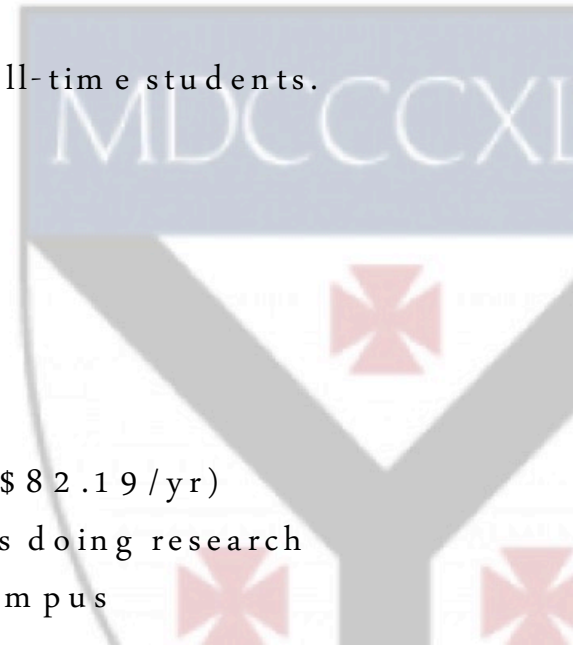
Campus Resources

Health & Wellness Services



Yale Health (YH) - your on-campus, full-service healthcare & mental health center!

- FREE primary Yale Health & MH coverage for all registered full-time students.
- PhD students also get:
 - Free YH Hospitalization/specialty/prescription coverage
 - Free YH coverage for students with child(ren)
 - 50% subsidy for YH spouse/civil union partner coverage
 - No or low YH copays, no major paperwork
- New Students - YH Coverage begins **August 19th, 2016**
- Optional Grad Student Dental (\$190.92/yr) & Vision Plans (\$82.19/yr)
- Intl. Travel & Out-of-Area Coverage Options for PhD Students doing research
- Student Wellness programs, health education, Tobacco Free campus





Campus Resources

Safety & Security



Yale Campus Police & Security work to help keep you and your belongings safe and protected.

- Well-lit campus with blue security phones
- Uniformed Yale Police & Security, working closely with New Haven police
- Night-time shuttle buses and door-to-door safe rides
- On-call walking escorts
- Secure access to buildings with Yale ID
- Affordable student property insurance



Campus Resources

International Resources



Yale GSAS is a Global Community in its students and areas of study - 35 % of GSAS students are international!

Yale offers great resources to support international students and their families, and students doing global research:

- Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) & Intl Center
- CTL English & Foreign Language Study resources
- Library Resources, MacMillan Center – Intl. & Area studies, Travel grants
- Nationality Clubs & Cultural Groups
- Ethnic & International Grocery Stores & Cafés in New Haven



Campus Resources

Support for Grad Student Spouses & Partners



We want your [spouse or partner](#) to be a part of the Yale graduate community too!

- Yale IDs for Student Spouses/Civil Union Partners:
 - Access to gym, library, museums, etc., some for a fee
- Access to some Yale service for partners not eligible for Yale ID
- Option to enroll in Yale Health; 50% discount for PhD spouses
- McDougal GSL & OISS Events open to spouses/partners
- Yale LGBTQ Resource Center
- US – legal same-sex marriages & civil unions
- Strong local job market and 6 area universities



Campus Resources

Support for Grad Families



If you have kids, or are thinking about having kids, great news! Yale is a very family-friendly graduate school!

- PhD students can receive 8-15 weeks of **paid parental leave**
 - PAID time off as you become a new parent
 - For male & female students; birth or adoption
 - Extends degree time up to 1 semester
- FREE Yale Health family coverage for a PhD student with child(ren)
- Pregnancy, Work/Life, Childcare, School info & resources
- [Grad Bulldogs with Pups Facebook Group](#)
- Family activities at McDougal Center, on campus and in New Haven





Campus Resources

Yale Alumni Network



After one semester, you are a Yale alumna/us—get involved in the [alumni community](#)!

25,000+ living Yale GSAS Alumni, 100,000 Yale alumni - Volunteer, learn, connect

- Attend alumni career panels & alumni networking
- Join a Yale Club in cities around the world
- Search the [Yale Career Network online](#)
- Get the Yale Alumni Magazine free for life





Next Steps!

If you already cannot wait to join the Yale Graduate community, here is important information to keep in mind:

~ April 1: [Start Housing Search](#)

- 4/1 Apply online for **Grad Dorms & Apts.**
- March-April Apply for Yale's **Elm Campus Apts.**
- Off-campus apt. or roommate - **Yale Offcampus Living**



April 15 - Deadline to accept/decline Yale's offer (online)!

Check out [New GS Student Checklist & Info Online](#)

- Begin Pre-Arrival To Do List - Info & Forms online
- Complete Health & ID forms & checklist tasks over summer

Join [2016 New GSAS Graduate Students Facebook group!](#)

Get Excited for GSAS Orientation in August – must be at Yale by AUGUST 21, 2016!

MDCCCXI



Need More Information?

See our brochure &
handouts!

GSAS Website

<http://GSAS.yale.edu>

Why Choose Yale?

<http://gsas.yale.edu/news/why-choose-yale>

NEW HAVEN MAKE IT HAPPEN HERE

Yale and New Haven offer grad students

- World-class teaching and research
- Desirable on and off-campus housing
- Convenient and affordable transportation
- Comprehensive healthcare for students & families
- Arts, music, and theatre (Yale and New Haven)
- Lively and varied nightlife
- National and local shopping and dining options
- Ample volunteer opportunities
- Parks, beaches, outdoor & fitness activities
- Four distinct seasons & milder coastal climate
- Lectures, exhibits, visiting scholars
- International student body and campuses
- Global research connections
- Huge accessible global Yale alumni network

Yale Graduate School offers you

- The McDougal Graduate Student Center at HGS
- Community-building activities year-round
- Grad social, study & meeting spaces
- Student-run grad coffee bar
- Office of Career Strategies (OCS)
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO)
- Graduate Student Life events
- Center for Teaching & learning - Teacher training, Grad Writing workshops and services

Questions? Mcdougal.center@yale.edu
Join Yale 2014 New GSAS Graduate Students on Facebook!
Info compiled by McDougal GS&S 2014

NEW HAVEN MAKE IT HAPPEN HERE

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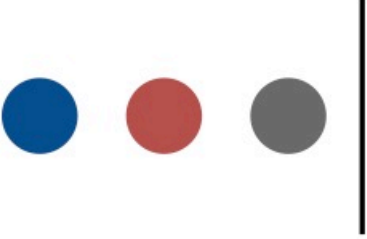
Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

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We Hope to See You in August 2016!

The door is open for you
to join the academic tradition & lively community at
the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
at Yale University.

