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### Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:

3:00-5:00pm                      Grad Info Fair                      60 Sachem Street

The Grad Info Fair is sponsored by the McDougal Graduate Student Center and is a wonderful opportunity to browse tables of university services departments, city merchants, banks, arts & cultural groups...and to get free samples, prizes, and snacks. Though not a formal part of the YDS orientation, it is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other incoming Graduate & Professional School students!

We heartily encourage you to attend.

### Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00-8:30am                      Registration and Breakfast                      Old Common Room and  
Old Refectory

Check in and get ready to start orientation! If you have any questions or need help when you arrive, look for the folks in the BTFO Staff t-shirts!

8:30am-8:55am                      Welcome to Yale Divinity School                      Old Refectory

Gather in the Old Refectory for welcome and introductions from:  
Hopie Randall, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid  
Jennifer Herdt, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs  
Andrew McGowan, Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School  
Martin Copenhaver, President of Andover Newton Theological School  
Martin Jean, Director of the Institute of Sacred Music  
Maggi Dawn, Associate Dean for Marquand Chapel  
Rolando Rodriguez, YDS Student Body President  
Jeanne Peloso, Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs  
Emily Bruce, BTFO Coordinator

9:00 - 9:10am:                      Introduction of the BTFO Staff                      Old Refectory

Brief introductions of the BTFO Leadership Team and Small Group Leaders

9:10am-9:40am                      A (Brief) History of YDS                      Old Refectory

Come and join us for a session on the rich history of Yale Divinity School hosted by Jim Hackney'79 MAR, Senior Director of Development.

9:50am-10:30am                      Library Information Session                      Old Refectory

Come and learn the ins and outs of one of the most extraordinary academic resources in North America - the Yale University Library System.

10:30am-11:15am            Small-Group Break Out            Old Refectory  
Time to meet and greet the folks in your BTFO small group, as well as your small-group leader!

11:30am-12:00pm            Chapel            Marquand Chapel  
Chapel is an important aspect of the YDS experience - All are welcome!  
Marquand Chapel worships every day that classes are in session at 11:30 a.m.  
For a complete calendar of upcoming events, visit [marquandchapel.yale.edu/calendar](http://marquandchapel.yale.edu/calendar)

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**—sermon by Professor Gregory Mobley, reading by Mike Libunao-Macalintal, and prayers led by Nia Campinha-Bacote.

12:00pm-12:30pm            Coffee Hour            Second Floor Common Room  
Coffee hour is an important part of the YDS community. Join us for Coffee Hour with the Yale University Chaplains.

Sharon Kugler, University Chaplain  
Ian Oliver, Senior Associate Chaplain for Protestant Life & Pastor of the  
University Church in Yale; Lecturer Divinity School  
Omer Bajwa, Director of Muslim Life  
Ahsa Shipman, Director of Hindu Life  
Maytal Saliel, Associate University Chaplain  
Jenny Peek, Associate University Chaplain  
Sumi Loundon Kim, Coordinator of Buddhist Life

12:30pm-1:30pm            Lunch Time

Lunch on the Quad:

Lutheran Studies Certificate Program will gather with Rev. Tim Keyl on the Quad. In case of rain Jonathan Edwards Room (N126).  
Reformed Studies Certificate Program will gather with Rev. Maria La Sala on the Quad. In case of rain N-54 (under Old Refectory).  
Methodist Studies Certificate Program will gather with Rev. Vicki Flippin on the Quad. In case of rain Niebuhr Hall (N123).  
Black Church Studies Certificate Program will gather with Rev. Bill Mathis on the Quad. In case of rain Second Floor Common Room.

Berkeley Student Lunch and Orientation (12:30-4:00pm) at the Berkeley Center.

Andover Newton Student Lunch and Orientation (12:30-4:00pm) in Latourette room (S223).

International Student Orientation (2:00-4:30pm) in RSV Room (S200).

## 1:30-4:30pm                      Get it Done!

A self-guided, self-timed, self-directed introduction to key resources at Yale Divinity School. This is challenge by choice, but all of the following resources are ready and waiting for you.

- Take a **tour of the Divinity School**: 1:30pm; 2:30pm; 3:30pm. Meet at base of Chapel steps on Quad.
- Take a **tour of the library**: 2:00pm; 3:00pm; 4:00pm. Meet at entrance to Library.
- Stop by and meet Andrew Sowers in the **bookstore** and buy your membership (SBS): **Bookstore**.
- Find out who your **academic advisor** is at the registrar's office: **Seabury N115**
- **Portfolio Boot Camp**. All incoming students are **required** to attend one session with a laptop. This session, led by Bill Goettler, Associate Dean for Ministerial and Social Leadership, will offer a brief introduction to the required e-portfolio that every YDS student maintains. You will learn about the purpose of portfolios at YDS, and about how your portfolio will help you work with mentors during your time of study and beyond.  
Sessions: 1:30-2:15pm, 2:15pm – 3:00pm; 3:00pm – 3:45pm: Niebuhr Hall (N123)
- **Nothing But Net: Reception Etiquette and Networking Skills**. Every year YDS alumni and friends come to campus for events. Learn to deftly manage the logistics of a reception, introduce and be introduced, and network with our guests and beyond in this session led by Susan Olson, Assistant Dean of Students for Community Life and Career Services.  
Sessions: 1:30pm – 2:00pm; 4:15pm – 4:45pm: Second Floor Common Room

## 5:00-6:00pm                      Tea & Cookie Reception                      Old Common Room

Join us for an afternoon reception of tea and cookies with YDS faculty.

## 6:00-7:00pm                      Berkeley Eucharist Service                      Marquand Chapel

Community Eucharist and dinner following are a weekly YDS/BDS occurrence. Celebrate the service in Marquand Chapel, then meander down to Berkeley Center for a community dinner welcoming incoming students, spouses, partners and families, as well as YDS faculty and staff.

## 7:00-9:00pm                      Community Barbecue                      Berkeley Center

All are welcome (incoming students, faculty, staff, spouses, partners and families) at this auspicious restart of a long-standing tradition at BTFO. Join us in the back yard of the Berkeley Center (363 St. Ronan Street) for a most festive barbecue event.

## Thursday, August 23rd

### 8:00am                      Berkeley Morning Eucharist                      Berkeley Center

All are welcome to attend this Berkeley Divinity School event! Every morning during BTFO, the Berkeley Center will be offering an opportunity to participate in Morning Prayer and Eucharist with the Berkeley Community. Everyone is welcome to take part.

8:30am - 9:00am                      Breakfast                                      Old Refectory

9:00-11:15am                      Locating Ourselves Plenary & Process                      Old Refectory

The Plenary and Process Sessions will be led by Kate Ott (MAR '00) Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Drew University Theological School and Dwayne Paul (MAR '11) Yale Divinity School Director of Equity, Inclusion and Civic Engagement. The theme of the Plenary and Process Sessions will be Hospitality. The first principle of hospitality requires us to know others and to know ourselves, to share our stories and to open ourselves to the stories of others.

11:30-12:00am                      Chapel    Marquand Chapel

SUNG WORSHIP: Woven into Community—special music led by Director of Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Ensemble Mark Miller, reading by KCM, prayers led by Peggy Lo.

12:00pm                                      Coffee Hour    Second Floor Common Room

12:30pm - 1:30pm                      Lunch    Quad  
Rain Venue: Old Refectory

1:30-2:30pm      Addressing Privilege and Power Plenary & Process                      Old Refectory

The second principle of hospitality requires us to embrace differences – rather than resist, suppress, or manipulate it. A healthy relationship with differences helps us to cultivate radical collaboration with those around us.

2:30pm - 2:45pm                      Break

2:45pm - 4:00pm      Negotiating Boundaries Plenary & Process                      Old Refectory

The third principle of hospitality requires us to set boundaries that allow for flourishing, acknowledge our limitations, and call forth our responsibilities. This session will include Stephanie Spangler, Yale University Title IX Coordinator, Lisa Huck, Divinity School Title IX Coordinator, Jennifer, Czincz, Ph.D. SHARE Center.

4:30-5:30pm                      Partner/Spouses Meet and Greet                      Latourette (Room S223)

If you are coming to YDS with a spouse or partner, please bring them along and join us for cookies and lemonade. This is an opportunity to meet current students and their spouses/partners and learn more about the YDS community.

6:00-7:00pm                      Community Dinner with                      The Quad  
Andover Newton Seminary at Yale                      Rain Venue: Old Refectory

Andover Newton Seminary invites everyone to join them for an evening community meal followed by worship, which they host weekly throughout the academic year. Incoming students, spouses, partners and families are all welcome!

7:00pm                      Emmaus Worship Service                      Marquand Chapel  
Walk the Road to Emmaus with Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. Join us for singing, silence, faith journey sharing, prayer, communion.

## Friday, August 24th

8:00am                      Berkeley Morning Eucharist                      Berkeley Center  
All are welcome to attend this Berkeley Divinity School event! Every morning during BTFO, the Berkeley Center will be offering an opportunity to participate in Morning Prayer and Eucharist with the Berkeley Community. Everyone is welcome to take part.

8:30-9:30am                      Donuts with the Dean                      Old Refectory  
Come join us for donuts and coffee from DonutCrazy Donuts, courtesy of Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School.

9:45-11:00am                      Financial Literacy Presentation                      Old Refectory  
For many of us, our time in graduate school is expensive and financed via loans that can be confusing. Hear from financial planner, John Caserta, who will be offering advice on financing life as a student at YDS. Join us for this important and informative talk where you will learn strategies for your finances during your time here at YDS and beyond.

11:00am - 11:30am                      Break

11:30-12:15                      Chapel                      Marquand Chapel  
THE CALL OF ABRAM—a service of Word and Table with Dean Maggi Dawn preaching and presiding, reading by Joshua Narcisse, prayers led by Erendira Jimenez-Pike.

12:15-2:00pm                      Alumni Affairs Pizza Lunch &                      The Quad  
  YDS Student Organization Fair      Rain Venue: Old Refectory  
New Haven is known for its pizza! Join Gail Briggs, Director of Alumni Relations (the sponsor of today's lunch!) and local alumni, for a wonderful sampling of the city's signature dish.

2:00-3:00pm                      Diving into Divinity Small-Group                      Old Refectory  
Time to reflect on the "dive" into the academic journey at YDS. Small groups will discuss the academic life of a YDS student.

3:00pm - 5:00pm                      Field Day on the Quad                      Quad  
Incoming students and their families are invited to join us for snacks and games on the Quad. During the field day, there will be an event for families new to YDS, hosted by Susan Olson and current students with their spouses and children. Bring your kids and let them play with their new friends while you meet fellow parents and learn the ins and outs of family life at Yale.

5:00-7:00pm

Friends and Family Dinner

Betts House

Rain Venue: Old Refectory

Celebrate the end of the week and the start of your time at YDS. All incoming students and their families are invited to join the BTFO team and YDS faculty/staff on our next-door neighbor's lawn for a warm welcome into the YDS community. We will have local restaurants on hand for dinner, offering a succulent sampling of some of the great tastes of New Haven.

7:00pm

Walk Down to GPSCY

Join some Small Group Leaders as they walk down to Gryphon's Pub, the home of the Graduate and Professional Student Center at Yale (GPSCY). Note: The bar is cash only but there is an ATM on site.

## Saturday, August 25th

ISM Orientation

Miller Hall

There will also be opportunities for optional weekend programming, and we will announce the various activities throughout Thursday and Friday of BTFO. If you have any questions about these activities, please ask your Small Group Leaders for more information.

Tours of Yale University

149 Elm Street

Saturday and Sunday: 1:30pm

<https://visitorcenter.yale.edu/tours>

7:00-9:00pm

S'Mores at the Fire Pit

DivFarm

Join us at the Divinity Farm fire pit for fellowship, fun and s'mores. We'll provide the s'mores; feel free to bring beverages or snacks to share.

## Sunday, August 26th

Looking for a place to worship? We will provide information on local congregations for those who wish to worship somewhere. Many of your Small Group Leaders and Coordinators attend church locally and would be happy to take you!

Tours of Yale University

149 Elm Street

Saturday and Sunday: 1:30pm

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## Monday, August 27th

8:00am

Berkeley Morning Eucharist

Berkeley Center

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Rain Venue: Second Floor Common Room

You did it! You officially made it through BTFO! Come join us out on the Quad for an ice cream social to close out the final full day of BTFO programming. You deserve it!

Tuesday, August 28th

7:30am - 8:30am                      YDS Veterans Breakfast                      JE Dining Room

Veterans and active duty military students at YDS are invited to join SCO (and Registrar) Lisa Huck for a light breakfast in their honor. There's no agenda, just a chance to introduce yourself and make connections. We will also be joined by Jack Beecher, Veteran & Military Liaison at Yale. Come and meet your fellow students and learn a bit about the community of veterans at YDS and Yale.

8:00am                                      Berkeley Morning Eucharist                      Berkeley Center

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8:30am - 9:30am                      Registration Breakfast Party                      Second Floor Common Room

Lisa Huck will give a brief "how-to" presentation on using the Online Course Selection for course registration. The presentation will include: selecting courses from YDS and the rest of the University, common pitfalls students experience in the registration process, and what form does what! Registration itself will open at 9:00 a.m. and Lisa will be available throughout the morning to help you through the process and answer questions on all things registration-y!

10:15 - 11:00am                      Portfolio Boot Camp                      Niebuhr Hall (N123)

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4:00pm                                      Yale Divinity School Convocation                      Marquand Chapel

5:00pm                                      Reception    Old Common Room