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Tuesday, August 21st:

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 22nd

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

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 Saltiel, 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:
Reformed Studies Certificate Program will gather with Rev. Maria La Sala on the Quad. In case of rain N-54 (under Old Refectory).

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 Andover Newton Seminary at Yale  The Quad
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 & YDS Student Organization Fair  The Quad
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.
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!

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Monday, August 27th

8:00am Berkeley Morning Eucharist Berkeley Center
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8:30am – 9:00am  Breakfast  Old Refectory

9:00-10:15am  Navigating Toward Your Degree: Choosing Courses and Planning Your Path  Old Refectory

Lisa Huck, YDS Registrar, and Jennifer Herdt, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will host a session on degree requirements, as well as discuss what is involved in taking courses in other schools at Yale, joint-degree programs, and trying to answer other questions you may have. Martin Jean will give an introduction to the Institute of Sacred Music.

10:30am-11:15am  Campus Safety Talk with YPD  Old Refectory

Established in 1894, the Yale Police Department is the oldest campus police department in the United States. Chief Ronnell Higgins will be offering a presentation on the Yale Police Department and how we can all work to create and foster an environment of safety and wellbeing.

11:30am-12:00pm  Chapel  DivFarm

WORSHIP AT DIVINITY FARM—an outdoor service at the community garden near Divinity apartments, feat. dramatic recitation of James Weldon Johnson’s “The Creation” by Emilie Casey, prayers led by Ed Watson and Glory Jeon, reading by Hlezi Mawande and special music led by Paul Olive-Reese and fellow YDS students.

12:00pm - 12:30pm  Coffee Hour  Second Floor Common Room

12:30-1:30pm  Lunch  Quad

Rain Venue: Old Refectory

1:30 – 2:15pm  Portfolio Boot Camp  Niebuhr Hall (N123)

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2:15 – 3:00pm  Supervised Ministry and Annand Spiritual Formation Program  Second Floor Common Room

Annand Program - The Annand Program is a spiritual formation program that operates through Berkeley Divinity School, but any YDS student can be a part of it! Come meet program director, Rev. Lynda Tyson, and see what Annand has to offer.

Supervised Ministries - Supervised Ministries prepares degree candidates for leadership in the church and the world by engaging them in student-centered experiential learning and theological reflection on the nature, practice and context of ministry and service. Join Lucinda Huffaker, Director of Supervised Ministries until retirement on September 4th, and Jenny Davis, Director of Supervised Ministries after September 4th, to learn how to get involved!

3:00pm – 4:00pm  Small group meetings

4:00pm  Ice Cream Social!  The Quad

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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