

Before the Fall Orientation

Thursday, August 22 – Tuesday, August 27, 2019

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HOW TO GET AROUND

Student IDs

The YDS Registrar will distribute your student identification cards on Tuesday, August 28. Until then, if for some reason your ID is requested (e.g. at Payne Whitney Gymnasium), you may give the person your NetID (three letters and two numbers), and they will confirm your beautiful face.

Exterior Doors at YDS

During BTFO on weekdays, all exterior doors on Sterling Divinity Quadrangle will be open from 7:30 AM until 6:00 PM. Outside of these hours, including weekends, an ID is required. Ask a BTFO leader or wait to sneak in behind someone! Divinity School apartments can only be accessed by residents. Once the academic year begins on Tuesday, August 28, only certain exterior doors can be opened outside the hours of 7:00 AM-6:00 PM with an ID. Please see the map for these 24/7 magical doors.

Transportation

Yale offers a number of ways to get around campus and parts of New Haven for free or for very little, including a free shuttle, a free, escorted, nighttime safe ride (door-to-door), and an official bikeshare. For more information on transportation at Yale and in New Haven, greater Connecticut, and the Tri-State Area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut), visit <https://to.yale.edu/>. Pro tip: if you want to get picked up at the main side entrance to YDS, tell whomever (or enter it into your app) “Lot 11”. This is particularly useful if you don’t want to go on a wild goose chase for your DoorDash driver delivering your late-night munchies.

Parking

Parking on the YDS campus is open to all during BTFO. However, during the academic year, it is reserved for faculty, staff, and residents of the Divinity School apartments. Others may find non-resident zoned on-street parking on Canner and Saint Ronan Streets. Fold your side-view mirrors or risk it getting side-swiped!

Naming Conventions for Classrooms at YDS

Finding classrooms can be pretty confusing, even for the third year MDiv. All classrooms have numbers, and some also have names. It’s best to pay attention to both, as people call them by one or the other. Generally, classrooms that begin with an ‘N’ are on the north side (i.e. parking lot side), and those that begin with an ‘S’ are on the south side (i.e. “downtown” side). ‘100’ rooms are on the first floor and ‘200’ rooms are on the second floor. If there are only two digits, those are in the rear buildings behind Marquand Chapel. Beware! You cannot walk directly between Marquand Chapel and the S200s. You must go down before you go up. Happy hunting!

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 20

3:00-5:00 PM

Grad Info Fair

McDougal Graduate Student Center (60 Sachem Street)

Not a formal part of BTFO, the Grad Info Fair is sponsored by the McDougal Graduate Student Center and is a opportunity to browse tables of university services departments, city merchants, banks, arts & cultural groups . . . and to get free samples, prizes, and snacks! It's also a chance to connect with other incoming graduate & professional school students!

Wednesday, August 21

3:00-4:30 PM

Orientation: Office of International Students & Scholars

421 Temple Street

The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) will be holding a mandatory orientation and immigration check-in for all international students. This session will not only cover important immigration information, but also provide you with information on getting settled into New Haven. Please bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and visa stamp.

3:00-4:15 PM

Orientation: Andover Newton Seminary's Educational Program

Latourette (S223)

Andover Newton's mission statement reads as follows: "Deeply rooted in Christian faith, and radically open to what God is doing now, Andover Newton educates inspiring leaders for faith communities." This information session will help those who intend to enroll in Andover Newton Seminary's diploma program to understand the purpose of that program and the process through which students blend it with the Master of Divinity degree program. The session will also be a great way for one who is simply curious about the program to learn more about it and about Andover Newton.

4:00-8:00 PM

Orientation: Berkeley Divinity School

Berkeley Center (363 Saint Ronan Street)

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale will host an orientation for all incoming Berkeley students at the Berkeley Center, a short block away from the YDS campus. At 4:00 PM there will be an orientation introducing incoming students to the Berkeley staff, student leaders, the worship schedule, academic curriculum as well as the ELM and Annand programs. There will be time for questions and conversation with returning students. At 6:00 PM, a community Eucharist will take place in St. Luke's Chapel. Immediately following, a community dinner will be hosted, to which returning students and incoming students are welcome.

4:30-5:30 PM

Reception: Andover Newton Students and Affiliated Faculty

Old Common Room Patio

Rain venue: Old Common Room

Andover Newton students, new and returning, will have the chance at this gathering to meet or reconnect with one another over light refreshments, while also learning more in an informal setting about Andover Newton.

Thursday, August 22

8:00-8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast	Old Common Room, Old Refectory, & Rear Quads
	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!	
8:30-8:55 AM	Welcome to Yale Divinity School	Old Refectory
	Gather in the Old Refectory for welcome and introductions from:	
	★ Hopie Randall '11 MDiv, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid	
	★ Jennifer Herdt, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs	
	★ Cathy George, Associate Dean and Director of Formation, Berkeley Divinity School	
	★ Sarah Drummond '93 BA, Founding Dean, Andover Newton Seminary & Associate Dean for Congregational Ministry at YDS	
	★ Martin Jean, Director of the Institute of Sacred Music	
	★ Emilie Casey, Liturgical Minister for Marquand Chapel	
	★ Jessica Church, President, YDS Student Government	
	★ Jeanne Peloso, Associate Dean of Student Affairs	
	★ Geronimo Desumala, BTFO Coordinator	
9:00-9:15 AM	Introduction of the BTFO Staff	Old Refectory
9:15-10:15 AM	A (Brief) History of YDS	Old Refectory
	Take a virtual tour of the rich history of Yale Divinity School, shared by Sean McAvoy '12 MAR, former Staff Writer, Office of Development.	
10:15-11:15 AM	Small Group Break Out	YDS Campus
	Spend some time getting to know members of your small group, and afterwards, explore the campus of YDS on a mini-tour led by your Small Group Leader!	
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	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 AM For a complete calendar of upcoming events, visit marquandchapel.yale.edu/calendar.

12:00-1:30 PM

Alumni Affairs Lunch & YDS Student Organization Fair

The Quad

Lunch will be moved inside in case of rain

New Haven is known for its pizza! Join Alumni Relations (the sponsor of today’s lunch!) and local alumni, for a wonderful sampling of the city’s signature dish catered by Da Legna. Grab some slices and feel free to join any of the groups below for fellowship and introductions. Representatives from YDS/Yale University student organizations and cultural groups will also at booths for you to browse.

Black Church Studies Certificate Program will gather with Bill Mathis

In case of rain Second Floor Common Room

Lutheran Studies Certificate Program will gather with Tim Keyl

In case of rain Jonathan Edwards Room (N126)

Methodist Studies Certificate Program will gather with Vicki Flippin

In case of rain Niebuhr Hall (N123)

Reformed Studies Certificate Program will gather with Maria La Sala

In case of rain Pennington Seminar Room (S100)

1:45-3:15 PM

Locating Ourselves

Old Refectory

3:15-3:45 PM

Introduction & Snack Break: Yale University Chaplain’s Office

Old Refectory

4:00-6:00 PM

Get it Done!

Use this time as a self-guided, self-paced, self-directed introduction to key resources at Yale Divinity School. This is a choose-your-own adventure, but all of the following resources are ready and waiting for you.

Attend Portfolio Boot Camp

Niebuhr Hall (N123)

All incoming students are **required** to attend one session with a laptop. **This is the first of three offered.**

This session, led by Bill Goettler, Associate Dean for Ministerial and Social Leadership, will offer a brief introduction to the e-portfolio that every YDS student maintains. Bring your laptop and get started on the portfolio that will help you work with mentors during your time of study and beyond.

Take a tour of the Divinity Library

YDS Library Entrance

4:15, 4:45, 5:15

Set up your laptop for off-campus access (VPN)

Library (Special Collections Room)

4:15, 4:45, 5:15

Buy your bookstore membership

YDS Bookstore

Stop by and meet Andrew Sowers '15 MAR in the bookstore and buy your membership (SBS), which gives you a discount!

6:00-7:00 PM

Community Dinner

The Quad

Rain venue: Old Refectory

All are welcome (incoming students, faculty, staff, spouses, partners, and families of all kinds) at this auspicious restart of a long-standing tradition at BTFO. Join us on the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle (a.k.a. The Quad) for a most festive event.

Friday, August 23

8:00 AM	Berkeley Morning Eucharist 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.	Berkeley Center (363 Saint Ronan Street)
8:30-9:30 AM	Breakfast with the Dean	Old Refectory
9:30-10:15 AM	Campus Safety Talk with YPD Established in 1894, the Yale Police Department is the oldest campus police department in the United States. Lt. Jay Jones 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.	Old Refectory
10:15-11:15 AM	Break	
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	Chapel (Eucharist)	Marquand Chapel
12:15-1:30 PM	Lunch hosted by Andover Newton Seminary Come and enjoy vegetarian and vegan cuisine from the local justice-oriented grocery store, The Edge of the Woods. Receive a warm welcome to YDS from leaders from Andover Newton Seminary and, if interested, have a chance to learn more about its programs.	The Quad <i>Rain venue: Old Refectory</i>
1:30-3:00 PM	Negotiating Boundaries	Old Refectory
3:00-5:00 PM	Field Day on the Quad Incoming students, including students with families, are invited to join us for snacks and games outside. During the field day, there will be an event for families new to YDS, hosted by current students with their families and children. Bring your kids and let them have a playdate with their new friends while you meet fellow parents and learn the ins and outs of family life at Yale.	The Quad

4:00-5:00 PM

Partner/Spouses Meet and Greet

Miller Hall (406 Prospect Street)

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

5:00-7:00 PM

Friends and Family Dinner hosted by the Institute of Sacred Music

The Quad

Rain venue: Old Refectory

7:30 PM

Walk Down to Gryphon

Meet at the front of the Quad, on Prospect Street

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

Saturday, August 24

In addition to the events below, 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.

All Day	Institute of Sacred Music Orientation Please check with the ISM for more details.	Miller Hall (406 Prospect Street)
1:30 PM	Tours of Yale University For more information, visit https://visitorcenter.yale.edu/tours .	149 Elm Street
7:00-9:00 PM	S'mores at the Fire Pit Join us at the Divinity Farm fire pit for fellowship, fun, and s'mores (the all-time favorite, fireside American tradition of roasting marshmallows and sandwiching them between chocolate and graham crackers). We'll provide the s'mores; feel free to bring beverages and snacks, and a musical instrument if you like!	DivFarm

Sunday, August 25

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 BTFO leadership team attend church locally and would be happy to take you!

1:30 PM	Tours of Yale University For more information, visit https://visitorcenter.yale.edu/tours .	149 Elm Street
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Monday, August 26

8:00 AM	<p>Berkeley Morning Eucharist</p> <p>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.</p>	Berkeley Center (363 Saint Ronan Street)
8:30-9:00 AM	<p>Facilities Staff Recognition Breakfast</p> <p>YDS really wouldn't exist (and look sharp, feel welcoming, and run as smoothly!) without the hard work and dedication of our facilities staff. They'll be joining us for a meal and fellowship.</p>	Old Refectory
9:15-10:15 AM	<p>Navigating Toward Your Degree: Choosing Courses and Planning Your Path</p> <p>Lisa Huck '88 MDiv, YDS Registrar, and Jennifer Herdt, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will host sessions 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. 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! Martin Jean, Director of the Institute of Sacred Music will also present briefly on the offerings of ISM.</p>	<p>MDiv: Old Refectory MAR: Niebuhr Hall STM: TBD Exchange: TBD</p>
10:30-11:15 AM	Joint Small Group Breakout Sessions	
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Chapel	Marquand Chapel

12:00-1:30 PM

Lunch

The Quad

Rain Venue: Old Refectory

Take more time to process all the academic information, but this time with other students in your degree or concentration. Signs will be posted indicating the various groups: STM; MARs by concentration, MDiv, and Exchange.

Discover your academic advisor

We highly encourage you to use a little bit of this time to find out who your academic advisor is at the registrar's office. Take note of their office location and go on a stroll to look for it!

1:30-2:45 PM

Addressing Privilege

Old Refectory

Led by Kate Ott '00 MAR

3:00-4:00 PM

Joint Small Group Breakout Sessions

4:00 PM

Ice Cream Social

The Quad

Rain Venue: Second Floor Common Room

You did it! You officially made it through BTFO! Come join us out on the Quad for Ashley's Ice Cream to close out the final full day of BTFO programming. You deserve it!

Tuesday, August 27

- 8:00-9:00 AM** **YDS Veterans Breakfast** **Jonathan Edwards Dining Room**
 Veterans and active duty military students at YDS are invited to join SCO (and Registrar) Lisa Huck '88 MDiv 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.
- 8:00 AM** **Berkeley Morning Eucharist** **Berkeley Center (363 Saint Ronan Street)**
 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.
- 9:00-10:30 AM** **Registration Breakfast Party** **Second Floor Common Room**
 Registration itself will open at 9:00 AM, and Lisa Huck '88 MDiv will be available throughout the morning until 10:30 AM to help you through the process and answer questions on all things registration-y! **Your long-awaited Yale identification cards will be handed out that during this time.** Breakfast will be provided.
- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** **Portfolio Boot Camp** **Niebuhr Hall (N123)**
*All incoming students are **required** to attend one session with a laptop. **This is the second of three offered.***
 This session, led by Bill Goettler, Associate Dean for Ministerial and Social Leadership, will offer a brief introduction to the e-portfolio that every YDS student maintains. Bring your laptop and get started on the portfolio that will help you work with mentors during your time of study and beyond.
- 2:00 PM-3:00 PM** **Portfolio Boot Camp**
*All incoming students are **required** to attend one session with a laptop. **This is the last of three offered.***
 This session, led by Bill Goettler, Associate Dean for Ministerial and Social Leadership, will offer a brief introduction to the e-portfolio that every YDS student maintains. Bring your laptop and get started on the portfolio that will help you work with mentors during your time of study and beyond.

4:00 PM

Yale Divinity School Convocation

Marquand Chapel

The official, ceremonial start to the academic year, service is attended by all of the YDS community, including returning students, faculty, and staff. You are encouraged to dress a little less casually than normal. Some students have even been known to wear their national costume!

5:00 PM

Reception

Old Refectory

Join the entire YDS community for hors d'oeuvres and beverages to celebrate your incoming class and the beginning of what will be a great academic year for all.

HAVE A LITTLE FUN

We know we're throwing a lot at you during BTFO while you're also busy with life, unpacking, and endlessly twisting IKEA allen wrenches. Take some time to relax a bit whenever you can. Need a ride or someone to go on an adventure with? Post it on the 'Yale Divinity School 2019 Admits' Facebook page

Museums

Yale owned museums are free and totally awesome! Check them out here <https://www.yale.edu/research-collections/museums-galleries>.

Connecticut has beaches?!

Yes! There are many, including one big one: Connecticut's largest shoreline park, Hammonasset Beach State Park. It offers over two miles of beach to enjoy swimming, strolling along the boardwalk, or just relaxing in the sun and surf. It's located in the town of Madison, exactly 22.6 miles from YDS. Cars with Connecticut license plates park for free. So, befriend a *Connecticuter*!

Sports!

Connecticut isn't really known for national sports teams, with clear exception for the WNBA's Connecticut Sun! In the meantime, Yale College Athletics can be pretty fun to check out. Some sports teams will already be competing by BTFO (e.g. water polo). Visit <http://www.yalebulldogs.com/> for the events schedule. *Boola Boola!*

TV is Educational

So maybe you just want to chill inside. That's cool. It's humid out. Did you know that Yale has free cable TV on campus, including access to HBO GO? Visit <https://studenttechnology.yale.edu/guide/incoming-students> and look for Yale Television. As a Yale student, you also get discounted subscriptions to things like Spotify Premium, Hulu, and Showtime. Visit <https://www.spotify.com/us/student/> to sign up.

IKEA/Home Depot/Target/Grocery Runs

Okay, so we know you can't totally relax. So, you might as well make some fun out of it. Some Small Group Leaders (with cars!) are willing to make trips to IKEA, Home Depot, etc. Pay attention for these announcements. If you're willing to take your classmates, post it on Facebook! Pro tip: the Long Wharf taco trucks (totally legit and authentic says one Californian), are a mere hundreds of feet away from IKEA. Forget the meatballs. Don't forget to tip your driver . . . with tacos.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Blue Phones

Approximately 500+ exterior phones are strategically located throughout the campus and are readily identified at night by blue lights located above or near them. The phones are equipped with red emergency buttons for direct connection to the University Police for police, fire, or medical emergencies and many of the phones have keypad for dialing any campus number. For more information on public safety at Yale and in New Haven, visit <https://your.yale.edu/community/public-safety>.

Urgent Medical Needs

The Acute Care Department at Yale Health is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for those with serious or acute illnesses or injuries. All students receive Yale Health Basic Coverage services free of charge. This includes care in Student Health, Acute Care, and Mental Health & Counseling for students amongst other services. Acute illnesses or injuries require prompt care but will not generally cause loss of life or severe impairment if left untreated for a brief time. After hours and on weekends, call Acute Care at 203 432 0123 before coming in. Yale Health is located at 55 Lock Street. For more information, visit <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/acute-care>.

Pastoral Care

Moving and *making moves* in your life is, without a doubt, stressful and challenging. You are encouraged to ask for help whenever you need it. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the BTFO leadership team. Additionally, the Yale University Chaplain is a great resource for pastoral care. In addition to a great team of listeners and multi-religious spaces for relaxation, they have free ice cream!

Disability Related Accommodation or Service

The Yale Resource Office on Disabilities (ROD) works with all students. Registering with the ROD is a required first step for students who wish to request a disability related accommodation or service, including but not limited to sign language interpretation, adaptive computer technology, special transportation, and note takers. Even if they are unsure about their eligibility, students must contact the ROD and meet with the Director to discuss accommodation(s). Appropriate documentation is required and will be discussed with the student. For more information, visit <https://rod.yale.edu/student-information>.

Contact Numbers

Please don't hesitate to contact *Geronimo Desumala*, BTFO Coordinator, +1 510 331 3606, if you have any hint of a question or concern. If we don't have the answer, we'll find someone who does.