Yale Divinity School
Before the Fall Orientation 2016

Wednesday, August 24th

Berkeley BTFO
Berkeley Center
(363 St. Ronan St.)

International Student Orientation
Various

Thursday, August 25th

8:00 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 - 9:30 Registration and Refreshments Quad
Come check in, meet some new people, grab your nametag and BTFO t-shirt, have some coffee, and get ready to start orientation! If you have any questions or need help when you arrive, look for the BTFO volunteers in gray Yale Divinity School t-shirts!

9:30 - 10:20 Welcome to Yale Divinity School! Common Room
Gather in the Common Room for welcomes and introductions from:
Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School
Hopie Randall, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid
Andrew McGowan, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School
Teresa Berger, Professor of Liturgical Studies and Thomas E. Golden Jr. Professor of Catholic Theology (Institute of Sacred Music)
Sarah Drummond, Andover Newton Theological School
Maggi Dawn, Dean of Marquand Chapel
Jennifer Herdt, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Nicholas Lewis, Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Jason Land, YDS Student Body President

10:30 - 11:30 Chapel and Coffee Hour Marquand Chapel

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch - Sandra’s Quad
Lunch today is from Sandra’s Next Generation on Congress Avenue and is a local favorite, known for their home-cooked comfort food. Enjoy some fried chicken and Southern-style mac-n-cheese!

12:30 - 1:10 Registration with Lisa Huck Common Room
Head on over to the Common Room to hear all about the details of class registration from YDS registrar, Lisa Huck! She will be giving a step-by-step presentation on how to register for courses and answer any questions you may have about the process. Plus, there will be a special guest appearance by Student Book Supply Manager, Andrew Sowers!
### 1:15 – 1:40  
**20-Minute Portfolio Camp**  
Common Room

This session, led by Bill Goettler, Associate Dean for Assessment and Ministerial Studies, will offer a brief introduction to the required e-portfolio that every YDS student maintains. In 20 minutes, you will have a chance to open your e-portfolio, learn how to access and amend it, and learn how the e-portfolio is used within each of the three different divinity school degree programs. If you attend the session with any electronic device that has web access (laptop, tablet or phone) you will be able to look at your own portfolio.

### 1:45 - 2:25  
**Small Groups**  
As Assigned

Meet your small groups and your amazing small group leaders! Your assigned group is listed on your nametag, but if you need any help just ask! This will be a great chance to get to know your fellow classmates and learn more about the amazing YDS community.

### 2:30 - 3:15  
**Presentation from Yale Police**  
Quad

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

### 3:15 - 4:30  
**Yale Resource Fair**  
Common Room

The Common Room will be filled with representatives from Yale Offices, Yale-wide resources and other important information. Come walk through and learn about what Yale has to offer, get some questions answered, make connections, and pick up the key to your very own YDS Mailbox! Please go open it up and you will find something special waiting for you...

### 5:00 - 7:00  
**Optional - Spouses/ Partners Grill Out**  
Divinity Farm

If you are coming the YDS with a spouse or partner, please come join Bethany Frye and Courtney Mikulencak, this year’s Spouse/Partner Programming Coordinators, for a grill out at the Divinity Farm (located next to the Sterling Quadrangle Apartments). This is an opportunity to meet current students and their spouses/partners and learn more about the YDS community. No need to bring anything!

### 8:00 - 9:30  
**Optional - GPSCY**  
GPSCY

Congratulations on making through your first official day of BTFO! Tonight you are invited to join us at GPSCY (204 York Street) for a fun night out and to meet YDS Student Leaders! GPSCY is a bar for graduate and professional students subsidized by Yale. If you wish to join us for a drink (paid for by you - GPSCY is cash only!) and a chance to meet some of the YDS Student Group leaders, please do! Cover is on us - just tell them you’re with YDS. Plus, the weekly GPSCY dance party starts right after at 9:45! Also, if you wish to check out the New Haven nightlife, some of us will be leaving right from GPSCY!

### Friday, August 26th

### 7:30 - 8:20  
**Donuts with the Dean**  
Common Room

Today we are starting things a little early! But don’t worry... We have donuts for you! Come join us for donuts and coffee from the Orangeside Donut Truck (we will have donuts and coffee... not the truck...) courtesy of Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School. So, head on up to the Common Room for fellowship and to get ready for another day of BTFO!

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

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### 8:30 - 9:25  
**Financial Literacy**  
By Niebuhr

Come hear from financial planner, John Caserta, who will be offering advice on financing life as a student at YDS. For many of us, our time in graduate school is expensive and financed via loans that can be confusing and quickly get out of control. Join us for this incredible important and informative talk where you will learn strategies to help keep your finances in control during your time here at YDS and beyond.

### 9:35 - 10:20  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
By Various

We will have two concurrent sessions from 9:35 - 9:55 and 10:00 - 10:20. All sessions will run for both time slots.

- **Annand Program - ISM Great Hall**: 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 the Annand Program has to offer.
- **Self-Care with Julie Kelsey - Latourette**: Julie Kelsey, Dean of Students for Pastoral Initiatives and Lecturer in Homiletics, is excited to meet you and let you know about all of the amazing self-care and pastoral care resources that YDS has to offer.
- **A History of Yale Divinity School - Niebuhr**: Come join Jim Hackney, Director of Development, as he presents the incredibly unique history of YDS.

### 10:30 - 11:30  
**Chapel and Coffee Hour**  
By Marquand Chapel

### 11:30 - 12:30  
**Lunch - New Haven Pizza**  
By Quad

New Haven is known for its pizza! Come grab a few slices and meet Gail Briggs, Director of Alumni Relations and sponsor of today’s lunch!

### 12:30 - 2:45  
**Practicing Just Hospitality and Fostering Inclusive Community**  
By Common Room

Life in community can be complicated. From identifying institutional policies to learning unwritten rules, assessing classroom conduct to making life-long colleagues, together we will explore what it means to build community at YDS in healthy and diverse ways. This session will be led by Kate Ott, YDS ’00 and Jason Craig Harris, YDS ’12.

### 2:45 - 3:30  
**Small Group Discussions**  
By Various

### 3:30 - 5:00  
**BTFO Scavenger Hunt**

Are you ready? We know this has been a long two days of BTFO, but get ready to have some fun! You and your small group will compete against the other small groups and use our clues in order to find people and landmarks across Yale! Take pictures, post them to your Twitter/Instagram using the BTFO hashtag, and earn points. The team with the most points will win some fabulous prizes!

### 5:00 - 7:00  
**YDS Community Dinner**  
By YDS Back Hill

You made it through the first two days of BTFO! Come celebrate with us at the YDS Community Dinner! All incoming students and their families are invited to join the BTFO team and YDS faculty/staff on the back hill for games, music, and a warm welcome into the YDS community. We will have three food trucks available for dinner: FryBorg - grilled cheese and french fries? Yes, please! Ali Baba’s Fusion - they have some of the best lemon chicken you will ever find! Thai Awesome – A vegetarian’s dream food cart! And, Kati Roll Cart - their Bengali Burritos are amazing!
**Optional - New Haven Nightlife**
Want to celebrate even more!? A group of us will be walking down the hill from the Divinity School right after the YDS Community Dinner. Once out, people are free to go as they please, or stick with the group as we explore New Haven’s amazing nightlife.

**Saturday, August 27th**

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.

ISM Orientation
Institute of Sacred Music
(Linsly-Chittenden Hall Room 317)

**Sunday, August 28th**

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!

**Monday, August 29th**

8:00 Berkeley Morning Eucharist
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8:30 - 9:20 Breakfast
Quad

9:25 - 10:20 Navigating Toward Your Degree: Choosing Courses and Planning Your Path
Common Room
We will start off the day with an introduction from Martin Jean, Director of the Institute of Sacred Music. Then 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.
10:30 - 11:30  Eucharist Chapel Service and Coffee Hour  Marquand Chapel

11:30 - 12:20  Title IX and SHARE  Common Room
What is Title IX? What do you need to know in order to identify problems and find help for yourself or a friend? How can we work together to ensure that we cultivate a climate of safety and respect at YDS and Yale? We are all a part of the solution. Deputy Title IX Coordinator Lisa Huck and staff from Yale’s SHARE center will guide us through Yale’s resources and your rights.

12:30 - 1:20  Lunch - Zoi’s on Orange  Quad
Come join us for lunch and meet with YDS Student Group leaders. We will be hosting a Yale Divinity School Student Group Resource Fair outside in the Quad where you are invited to walk around and see all of the amazing things you can get involved in!

1:30 - 2:20  Time Management/Study Skills and Research Methods  Common Room
Although we all have had different educational experiences, everyone will find that adjustments must be made in order to accommodate the rigorous expectations of YDS. Come meet Carolyn Sharp, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, Peter Hawkins, Professor of Religion and Literature, and Harold Attridge, Sterling Professor of Divinity and hear their knowledge and wisdom on how to navigate and succeed here at YDS.

2:30 - 3:50  Areas of Study Professor Panel  Common Room
We will be showcasing the five areas of study with a professor panel. Select professors will debut their respective areas and discuss academic expectations, what the area involves, and sample course titles. The panel will include John J. Collins, Harold Attridge, Linn Tonstad, Bruce Gordon, Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Joyce Mercer, Chloe Starr and Jennifer Herdt.

4:00 - 4:30  Promoting Resilience at YDS and Beyond  Common Room
This session will provide information about healthy habits and how to cultivate behaviors and attitudes that will help you succeed here at YDS. Dr. Samantha Morris from Yale Mental Health will show us specific techniques from mindfulness, relaxation training, and cognitive behavioral therapy.

4:30 - 5:00  Cupcakes!  Quad
Well, folks! You did it! You officially made it through BTFO! Come join us out on the Quad for some amazing cupcakes from Katalina’s Bakery on Whitney Avenue. You deserve it!

7:00 – 9:00  Online Orientation Session  Common Room
All those who took advantage of Diving Into Divinity, our online academic orientation course, are invited to delve deeper into the material with small group peer-led discussions. Meet in the Common Room at 7 pm on Monday, August 29, in order to meet your discussion leader and join up with your group. Discussions will be held August 29, 7-9 pm, and August 30, 10 am-12 noon.

8:00 - 10:00  End of BTFO Reception  Mory’s
Tonight you are invited to join us at The Mory’s Association (Mory’s), located at 306 York Street. Mory’s opened its doors in 1849 and has become somewhat of an institution here at Yale. Come find us in the Temple Bar where we will enjoy hors d’Oeuvres (on us) and drinks (on you). This event is a little fancier than the rest of BTFO, but please dress in a way that feels authentic and comfortable to you!
**Tuesday, August 30th**

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<td>Class registration begins at 9:00 AM and Lisa Huck, YDS Registrar, will be hosting the annual registration party in the common room. So come grab some breakfast, bring your laptop, and come get registered for your first semester! Lisa will be on hand to help answer any questions you have about the registration process.</td>
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