

Alumni Engagement and the HDS Bicentennial
Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Club Leaders
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Singapore

## Quick Notes: HDS

### • 2 main degree programs:

- Master of Divinity (3 year): traditionally ministry/practitioner oriented
- Master of Theological Studies (2 year): traditionally research oriented
- Also: Master of Theology (1year) and PhD (jointly offered with GSAS)

#### Our students:

- 323, from 30+ different religious traditions/philosophies
  - 90% of students with need receive at least half-tuition scholarships

#### • Our alumni:

- 6,487 working in a wide array of vocations and professions, especially:
  - Ministry (traditionally ordained and non; in all denominations)
  - Academia (high percentage of religious studies professors at top schools)
  - **EVERYTHING ELSE** (chaplaincy, social services, NGOs, non-profit leadership, arts, writing, advocacy, government, law, medicine, business, consulting, education administration...)

## #1 in our field

Sea	Search									
2017 rank	2016 rank	Institution name	Country	Academic reputation	Employer reputation	Citations	Research impact	Score		
1		Harvard University	United States	97.1	100	98.5	86.7	96.5		
2		University of Oxford	United Kingdom	97.1	99.7	87.4	86.7	95.4		
3		Durham University	United Kingdom	100	94.8	71.2	72.2	93.8		
4		University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	95.2	99.3	84.2	81.6	93.2		
5		Boston College	United States	99.1	67.4	86.4	78.8	92.6		
6		Yale University	United States	91.6	88	77.2	78.8	88.5		
7		Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Netherlands	89.6	87.9	78	84.2	87.7		
8		Duke University	United States	86.7	75.9	99.1	93.1	87.5		

## Dean David Hempton



- Historian- a scholar of the history of Methodism and evangelical traditions
- Was raised in Belfast during The Troubles
- Appointed Dean in 2012
- Some priorities for the Dean:
  - Religions and the Practice of Peace Program: One University initiative
  - Religious Literacy Project
  - Innovation in religion: <u>Buddhist Ministry Initiative</u>, <u>Ministry Innovation</u>
     <u>Fellows</u>, the <u>CSWR</u>
  - GLOBAL PRESENCE & COMMUNITY alumni, students, future students

# Aims: Alumni Engagement and the HDS Bicentennial

 Celebrate with alumni at home (April reunion) and around the country and the world (series of regional events) with celebratory, content-rich programming (faculty involved in all of these programs)

 Mark the occasion with HDS alumni AND interested Harvard alumni (partnership with HAA and various Harvard clubs for these events)

 Entire more alumni to get involved (with HDS volunteer opportunities or local clubs/SIGs of interest)





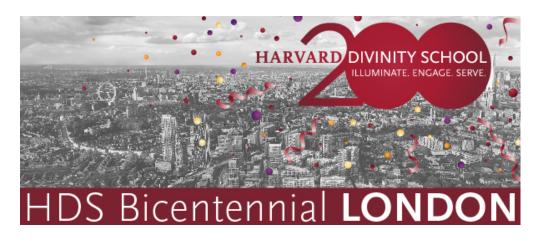
Professor Catherine Brekus on "The Idea of America as a Chosen Nation" \*with the Harvard Club of DC

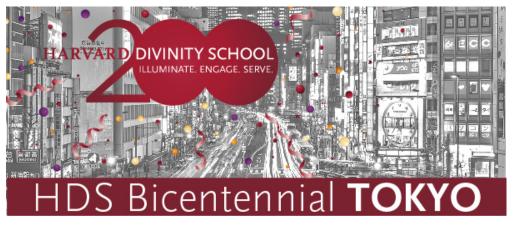




Professor Mark Jordan: "Thinking Sex at Harvard"

\*with the Harvard Club of San Francisco









Dean David Hempton: "Lost in Translation: Politics and Polarization in Trump's America"

\*with the Harvard Clubs of the UK, Japan, and Korea

## We'd like to continue these partnerships!

Connecting with potential graduate students from Asia

• Future programming opportunities with Clubs & SIGs

Building up the alumni network here

Support the work of the clubs and the HAA



#### **THANK YOU!**

(Check out this quick video about the HDS 200th, if you have time!)