



# 2019 Candidates for Harvard Alumni Association Elected Director

*Nominated by the Harvard Alumni Association*



## **Ethel Billie Branch**

A.B. '01 CUM LAUDE, J.D. '08,  
M.P.P. '08

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

Ethel Branch is the recent former attorney general of the Navajo Nation. As head of the

Navajo Nation Department of Justice, she oversaw all the legal affairs of the Nation, which spans parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

Branch previously worked at Kanji & Katzen, a law firm dedicated to advocating on behalf of Native Nations, and helped implement the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She also served as a tribal finance associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, co-chair of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, and a board member of the Native American Youth and Family Center and the Grand Canyon Trust.

At Harvard, Branch pursued interests in social justice, Native American rights, and environmental issues. She was co-chair of Native Americans at Harvard College and the Minority Students Alliance as an undergraduate, and later served as president of the Harvard Native American Law Students Association and as a senior editor for the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. She has returned to campus as a speaker and was recently featured in the International Women's Day Portrait Exhibit hosted by the Harvard Women's Law Association.

"As a director, I want to work with Harvard alumni of rural, poor, Native American, and minority communities to encourage others like ourselves to make the leap to apply and enroll in Harvard. I believe the most meaningful and sustainable change occurs when alumni from our own communities are able to return home to enrich our communities with what we have gained from Harvard." ■



## **Adrienne E. Dominguez**

A.B. '90 CUM LAUDE  
J.D. '95, THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Adrienne E. Dominguez is a partner with

Thompson & Knight in Dallas, where she focuses her law practice on intellectual property and commercial litigation.

A member of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association and the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), Dominguez strives to increase opportunities for Hispanics—particularly women—in the legal profession. She served as commissioner for the HNBA Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession from 2008 to 2012, and she was a 2013 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow.

Dominguez is president of the Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation, which awards scholarships, internships, and grants to Hispanic students with an interest in the law. She also chairs Thompson & Knight's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and co-chairs the firm's Women's Initiative Group.

Dominguez is a longtime co-chair of the Harvard Club of Dallas's Schools & Scholarships Committee, where she has helped recruit and interview numerous prospective Harvard College students, including those from underrepresented communities. In 2018, she received a Hiram S. Hunn Memorial Schools and Scholarship Award from the College's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid for her volunteer work.

"In school and over the years through the Harvard Club of Dallas, I have met so many brilliant, vibrant people of diverse backgrounds and interests, all striving to make a difference while retaining a sense of community. Part of the Harvard deal is that you are a member for life—there is always some way you can give back. I'd like to be a part of that mission." ■



## **George C. Alex**

A.B. '81 CUM LAUDE  
M.B.A. '85, DARTMOUTH  
COLLEGE

COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS

George Alex is the senior vice president of corporate development

at AZTherapies, a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company developing treatments for Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases. He is also the chief executive officer of Twin Oaks Capital Partners and has held senior management roles at several telecommunications and investment banking firms.

A longtime leader of his Harvard College class, Alex has served as class treasurer since 1981. He has co-chaired numerous reunion committees, most recently contributing to record-breaking attendance and fundraising by a 35th reunion class. By uniting both the program and gift committees in a strategy of collaboration, inclusion, and affordability, it became a model for future classes to follow. He has been honored by the Harvard College Fund for his volunteer efforts, receiving the Richard T. Flood '27 Award and Joseph R. Hamlen '04 Award—twice each.

"I have been fortunate to organize my work to include a significant commitment as a volunteer. If elected to serve on the HAA Board, I would focus on increasing alumni engagement at Reunions and during non-reunion years. Through this broader engagement, we can tap into the vast reservoir of human capital in our alumni base to benefit the entire Harvard community."

Alex is a trustee of Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage, and a former trustee of Milton Academy, Hellenic College Holy Cross, and the Rivers School. He is also a class agent for the Rivers School and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

He and his wife, Marlena Alex, have two children. ■



### Michael J. Gaw

A.B. '90 MAGNA CUM LAUDE  
M.PHIL. '93, UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE  
J.D. '95, BOSTON COLLEGE  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Michael Gaw is an assistant director of the

Division of Trading and Markets at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Gaw began his career at the Federal Reserve working on international banking regulation before joining the SEC in 2000. Over the years, he has handled a variety of issues relating to the regulation and oversight of the equities, fixed income, and derivatives markets. He recently received the SEC's Jay Manning Award for his distinguished service.

An ardent advocate for public service, Gaw currently serves on Harvard's National Advisory Board for Public Service and regularly participates in Harvard's annual Public Interested Conference.

He previously held several roles on the HAA Board of Directors, including regional director for the mid-Atlantic, co-chair of the Alumni Leadership Conference, and co-chair of the Engagement and Marketing Committee. He was also a longtime board member of the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C., serving as president, vice president of administration, and vice president of membership.

"Now more than ever, public goods—the environment, our transportation infrastructure, our public schools—must be protected and nourished. If Harvard people will not accept this challenge, then who will? In recent years, I've advised students of several Harvard Schools. I appreciate the opportunity to tell them about public service as a vocation, emphasizing that this work is both noble and necessary. If elected to the HAA Board, I would seek to broaden that message."

He and his wife, Helen Morris, have one teenage daughter. ■



### Christina Lewis

A.B. '02 CUM LAUDE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Christina Lewis is a social entrepreneur and the founder and CEO of All Star Code, a

nonprofit that prepares young men of color for careers in the technology sector by partnering with industry leaders to host computer science education programs.

A former journalist whose career began as a columnist and photo editor for the *Harvard Crimson*, Lewis previously worked as a staff writer for the *Wall Street Journal* and has been published in the *New York Times Magazine* and other publications. She continues to write and speak regularly about creating economic opportunity through technology.

Lewis is also the author of *Lonely at the Top*, a memoir about her late father, Wall Street pioneer Reginald F. Lewis L.L.B. '68, whose success story as the first African American to own a billion-dollar company is the inspiration for All Star Code. She has served on the board of her father's foundation since she was 12 years old.

Part of a family of Harvard alumni, Lewis previously co-chaired the Class of 2002 Associates Committee for the Harvard College Fund and served on several class reunion committees.

"I am so grateful to Harvard for so many things in my life, including the education received by my husband, my sister, my father, and several other family members. As an educator and an entrepreneur, I believe my unique experiences can help the University as it evolves in how to serve its current and future alumni."

She and her husband, Daniel N. Halpern A.B. '95, have two children. ■



### Derek van Bever

M.B.A. '88, M.DIV. '11  
B.A. '79, M.A. '81, UNIVERSITY  
OF DELAWARE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Derek van Bever is a senior lecturer and director of the Forum for

Growth & Innovation at Harvard Business School (HBS), where he teaches in the M.B.A. program and serves as the faculty lead for Professor Clayton Christensen's Executive Education course "Disruptive Innovation."

He cofounded the Advisory Board Company—a research, consulting, and technology firm serving hospital and university executives—and was chief research officer of the Corporate Executive Board. He coauthored the book *Stall Points*, an analysis of the growth of the Fortune 100 across the past half-century, as well as articles in *Harvard Business Review*, *MIT Sloan Management Review*, and *Foreign Affairs*.

An alumnus of HBS and Harvard Divinity School (HDS), van Bever is interested in building bridges between business and religion, both within the Harvard community and beyond. He is a member of the HDS Dean's Council and previously served on the host committee for the School's bicentennial.

"I love the University's focus on belonging—and on the obligation that it raises for us to find our place and to speak our truth. We teach our students at HBS that we expect them to make a difference in the world, and I'm interested in supporting and advancing that difference in any way I might. If the work we're doing at HBS can be of relevance to the larger Harvard community, I can't think of a more effective way to give back to this institution."

He and his wife, Ellen Nelson van Bever, have three children. ■



**Salomé Císnal de Ugarte**

L.L.M. '94  
B.A./J.D. '90,  
UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO  
PH.D. '95, EUROPEAN  
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Salomé Císnal de Ugarte is the managing partner of Hogan Lovells International LLP's Brussels office, specializing in antitrust and competition law. She regularly works for international clients on complex global transactions spanning multiple jurisdictions. In 2018, Politico ranked her as one of the top 10 women who shape Brussels.

Císnal de Ugarte is the former vice chair of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union and the current vice chair of its Competition Committee. A former Fulbright Scholar, she previously served as president and board chair of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Belgium. She is also an associate professor of EU competition law at IE Law School and a fellow of the Center for European Studies at IE in Madrid.

Since graduating from Harvard Law School, Císnal de Ugarte has remained actively engaged with the University, contributing to the Harvard alumni network. As an HAA appointed director for Europe, she co-chaired the Clubs & SIGs Fostering a University-wide Community Committee and helped organize the annual European Club & SIG Leaders Meetings. She previously served as president of the Harvard Club of Belgium and treasurer of the Harvard Law School Association of Europe.

"I would like to help strengthen the engagement with alumni around the world, encourage a robust interaction among alumni from the College and graduate Schools, and assist in growing the HAA's outreach potential and impact, also outside the United States, while helping to advance the University's goals."

She and her husband, Marco Becht, have four children. ■



**Bryan C. Barnhill II**

A.B. '08  
M.B.A. '18,  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Bryan C. Barnhill II is the city manager in the City Solutions group of Ford

Smart Mobility. A community leader in his native Detroit, he previously served as the chief talent officer for the City of Detroit and, prior to that, as chief of staff and director of policy and legislative affairs in the Detroit City Council President's Office.

The former campaign manager for Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Barnhill recently celebrated his own electoral victory when he was elected by the people of Michigan to serve on the Wayne State University Board of Governors. He also sits on the boards of the Detroit Building Authority, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, Iron Belle Trail, and Belle Isle Park.

Barnhill has volunteered as an alumni interviewer for Harvard College and served on the board of the Harvard Club of Eastern Michigan. He was also part of the inaugural cohort of Harvard Business School's Young American Leaders Program.

"The best aspect about my Harvard experience was the people. I appreciate all the moments when a person with a different point of view helped broaden my perspective of the world. These relationships occurred during a pivotal time of my life, and I feel like I'm a better person as a result of them. I would love to take part in an effort to create, reengage, or further relationships among our community of good people."

He and his wife, Rian English, have two children. ■



**Zandile H. Moyo**

A.B. '00 CUM LAUDE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Zandile H. "Zandy" Moyo is the business development and social impact manager at

plant-based products company Califia Farms.

An experienced entrepreneur, Moyo has worked for companies that align with her values of improving food quality, eliminating health disparities, and promoting economic growth in Africa. She has held senior positions at several startups, including cofounder and CEO of Credntia, a personal identity management system; COO/CFO of Definicare, a clinical research firm focused on outcomes research for HIV-infected patients; and founding principal of Genexodus, a venture capital fund focused on information technology and health care services.

As a Harvard College student, Moyo was involved with the Harvard AIDS Institute, the Harvard African Students Association, and women's lacrosse. An Alabama native, she has served in many roles with the Harvard Club of Birmingham as an alumna, including president, treasurer, and longtime alumni interviewer.

In addition to volunteering for Harvard, Moyo has been a member of the Community Affairs Committee of the City of Birmingham, a board member for the Sidewalk Film Festival, and a coach for the Greater Birmingham Youth Lacrosse Association.

"I genuinely enjoy connecting alumni with one another. I have found that there are many unforeseen benefits to cultivating these relationships. We can contribute to our communities by using our access for the greater good. I also enjoy making Harvard feel approachable to applicants. I have interviewed many candidates, and I enjoy being an ambassador for the possibility of Harvard for each of those students." ■