



BTFO 2007

Before the Fall Orientation

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 28 – Friday August 31

Welcome to Yale Divinity School!

We hope the next four days serve as a relaxed and stress-free introduction to life and learning here at YDS. Please take a few minutes to review this schedule and the contents of this packet carefully. You'll find important information about registration, safety, local transportation, New Haven resources and evening activities. The **YDS Parking Lot** will be open free of charge throughout BTFO. Two useful phone numbers to keep handy are the **Yale Transportation and Security Escort Center** (203.432.6330), which offers free local pickup and drop-off service daily from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., and **Yale Campus Security** (203.785.5555 or simply "5555" from any blue phone).

In the event of rain, all events scheduled for Sterling Quad will take place in the YDS Common Room.

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 a.m.	Berkeley Divinity School (BDS) Morning Prayer & Eucharist	Berkeley Center (corner of Canner and St. Ronan Streets, just down the hill from Sterling Quad)
8:30-9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Convening in small groups • Completion of ATS survey • Continental breakfast (available in Common Room) 	Registration in Sarah Smith Gallery ; proceed upstairs to YDS Common Room to meet your small group leader
9:30 a.m.	<i>Welcome</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nichole Flores, Patrick Ward, Robert Wilson, Martin Jean, Siobhán Garrigan, Joseph Britton, Anna Ramirez, Dale Peterson & Harold Attridge 	Common Room
10:30 a.m.	Chapel	Marquand Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Tours of campus, small group meetings	Meet your small group leader outdoors on Sterling Quad

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| 12:00 noon | Lunch | Sterling Quad |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m. | <p><i>“How to” Session One: Registration, Degree Requirements and Financial Aid</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Wilson, Detra MacDougall, Anna Ramirez, Doreen Generoso | <p>Common Room
Moderator: Nichole Flores</p> |
| 2:00-2:30 p.m. | <p><i>Introduction to Degree Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Wilson, Bill Goettler & Barbara Blodgett (M. Div.) • Jaime Lara and Detra MacDougall (MAR) • Thomas Ogletree (STM) | <p>Common Room (M. Div)
Niebuhr Hall (MAR)
Jonathan Edwards Dining Room (STM)</p> |
| 2:30 p.m. | <p><i>Walking Tour of Main Campus, including the Graduate Student Fair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet in small groups on the Sterling Quad to walk down the hill (Approximately 15 minutes). • Fair at Hall of Graduate Studies on York Street near Grove (hours 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.) • Notify Patrick or Nichole if you need transportation assistance. | |
| 4:00-6:00 p.m. | <p><i>Free Time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giveaway Room (free furniture and house wares) will be open in the basement of Fisher Hall at from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Fisher borders Canner Street and has solar panels on its roof). • Sign up sheets will be posted by now outside of Niebuhr Hall for Thursday small group dinners. Stop by and sign up before Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.! | |
| 6:00 p.m. | <p>BBQ hosted by the Berkeley Divinity School; all welcome!</p> | <p>Berkeley Center (corner of Canner and St. Ronan Streets, just down the hill).</p> |

Optional Evening Activities (see *BTFO P.M.* for further details and transportation)

- Elm Shakespeare Company’s presentation of *As You Like It*
8:00 p.m. at Edgerton Park; suggested donation: \$5.00
Walking distance from BDS Barbecue
Bring a blanket!
- “After Party” at The Playwright in Hamden
Traditional Irish pub; perennial YDS favorite!
After 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29

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| 8:00 a.m. | Berkeley Divinity School (BDS)
Morning Prayer & Eucharist, followed by coffee | Berkeley Center (corner of Canner and St. Ronan Streets, just down the hill from Sterling Quadrangle) |
| 9:00 a.m. | <i>Introduction to YDS Chapel Worship</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siobhán Garrigan | Common Room |
| 9:30 a.m. | <i>Panel: "Faith Formation at YDS"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Sharp, Jane Stickney, Thomas Ogletree & Reggie Bacchus | Common Room
Moderator: Patrick Ward |
| 10:30 a.m. | Chapel | Marquand Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | Breakout Discussion Sessions (denominational) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Students (Kathleen Turner) → <i>S212</i> • Agnostic/Atheist/Deist/Hindu/Wiccan Students (Matt Riley and Christy Groves) → <i>Refectory</i> • Baptist Students (Reggie Bacchus) → <i>Wood Seminar Room S117</i> • Eastern Orthodox Students (Richard Smith) → <i>S101</i> • Episcopal/Anglican Students (Joseph Britton) → <i>Niebuhr Hall</i> • Evangelical/Christian Non-denominational/Vineyard/Church of Christ Students (Lindsay Cleveland, Elisa Berry) → <i>Marquand Chapel</i> • Jewish Students (Joel Baden & Dale Peterson) → <i>Library 104</i> • Latter Day Saints Students (Seth Payne) → <i>Commuter Lounge</i> • Lutheran Students (Jake Erickson, Kim Bauser, Javen Swansen and Paul Stuehrenberg) → <i>RSV Room (S200)</i> • Mennonite/Quaker/Anabaptist/Moravian Students (Elizabeth Wilkinson) → <i>S133</i> • Methodist Students (Vicki I) → <i>S202</i> • Presbyterian/Reformed Students (Adele Crawford, Amalie Ash) → <i>S104</i> • Roman Catholic Students (Sylvia Mullins, Mary Lou Bozza) → <i>ISM Great Hall</i> • Searching/In Transition Students (Chris Meserole) → <i>Common Room</i> • UCC/Disciples of Christ (Ian Skoggard, Meghan Young) → <i>JE Dining Room</i> • Unitarian Students (Frances Sink) → <i>S101A</i> | |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch, hosted by YDS Alumni Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Lindner | Sterling Quad |

1:00 p.m.	<i>Panel: "God in the Classroom"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serene Jones, John Hare, Emilie Townes & Christine Carter 	Common Room Moderator: Bethany Davidson
2:00 -2:15 p.m.	<i>Introduction: YDS Institute of Sacred Music</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Jean 	ISM Great Hall
2:15 p.m.	<i>"Knowing Your Roots: The History of YDS"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaime Lara 	ISM Great Hall
3:00 p.m.	<i>"How to" Session Two: A Speedy Intro to Vocational & Intellectual Resources at YDS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Lisa Huck, Susan Olson, Tim Garrison & Suzanne Estelle-Holmer 	Niebuhr Hall Moderator: Nick Myers
Tours at 4:00 & 4:20 p.m.	Tours of Sterling Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Estelle-Holmer & staff 	Sterling Library Lobby; tours are 20 minutes long and small groups will depart in two "waves" at the times specified
4:30-6:00 p.m.	<i>Free Time</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give-away Room (free furniture and house wares) open in the basement of Fisher Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. • Remember to sign up for Thursday night dinners on the bulletin board outside Niebuhr Hall by 5:00 p.m. 	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner: ISM Bistro (Hosted by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music)	ISM Great Hall & Sterling Quad

Optional Evening Activities (see *BTFO P.M.* for further details and transportation)

- New Haven County Cutters (Minor League Baseball)
7:00 p.m., Yale Field
- Hymn Sing, hosted by YDS Evangelical Fellowship & Presbyterian/Reformed Student Groups
8:00 p.m., Marquand Chapel (Hymns by Request!)
- "After Party" at B.A.R or GPSCY
After 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 30

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| 8:00 a.m. | Berkeley Divinity School (BDS)
Morning Prayer & Eucharist,
followed by coffee | Berkeley Center (corner
of Canner and St. Ronan
Streets, just down the hill
from Sterling Quadrangle) |
| 9:00 a.m. | <i>Panel: "Living Well at Yale Divinity School:
Body, Psyche, Security"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jim Perlotto, Dr. Howard Blue,
Susan Daria Burhans | Niebuhr Hall
Moderator: Beth Magill |
| 10:00 a.m. | <i>Introduction to Student Government at YDS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Life Committee (Brandon
Johnson & Carrie Levy), Student
Council (Rachel Lyle & Bethany
Davidson) and Graduate/Professional
Student Senate (Bethany Davidson) | Common Room |
| 10:30 a.m. | Chapel | Marquand Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | <i>Breakout Discussion Sessions (Daily Life)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"How to Live at YDS With Young Children"</i>
(David and Mary Alex Dill) → <i>Wood Seminar Room S117</i> • <i>Room S117 "How to Live with Your YDS Student: students, partners
and spouses"</i> (Joshua Hill, Greta Getlein, Lindsay Lunnum & James
McGeveran) → <i>RSV Room</i> • <i>"How to Invent a Social Life in New Haven: single students"</i>
(Nichole Flores, Rachel Valente & Sachin Ramabhadran)
→ <i>Niebuhr Hall</i> • <i>"How to Be a Member of the YDS Community from 40 Miles Away:
commuting students"</i> (Lucy Larocca & Judith Dupré)
→ <i>Commuter Lounge</i> • <i>"How to Start Your 2nd Career at YDS: second-career students"</i>
(Amalie Ash and Patrick Ward) → <i>JE Dining Room</i> • Library Resources Presentation (Amy Limpitlaw)
→ <i>Library 107 (Computer Room)</i> | |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch, hosted by IRAP
(Initiative on Religion and Politics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harlon Dalton | Sterling Quad; look for
your small group leader |
| 1:30 p.m. | <i>Panel: "Welcome to the Elm City: Some
Perspectives on Being a New Haven Citizen"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kat Banakis, Kevin Ewing, Rob Smuts
& Johnny Scafidi | ISM Great Hall |

- 2:30 p.m.** Student Activities Fair on **Sterling Quad**
- Open House: Center for Faith & Culture → (S116)
 - Open House: Jonathan Edwards Center → (S127)
 - Open House: Ministry Resource Center → Library
- 3:30 p.m.** *Breakout Discussion Sessions (Culture and Identity)*
- Yale Black Seminarians (Chris McKee, Myra McNeill)
→ *Library 104*
 - The Coalition: Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Bisexual and Allies (Erik Graham-Smith, Scott Larson) → *JE Dining Room*
 - YDS Korean Student Association (Yeonsoo Lee, Grace Han)
→ *RSV Room*
 - YDS Latino Students (Nichole M. Flores, Anna Ramirez)
→ *Commuter Lounge*
 - YDS Women’s Center (Katey Zeh) *Wood Seminar Room S117*
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Marquand Choir “Open Sing” **Marquand Chapel**
- All voices welcome
- 4:30 p.m.** Free Time
- Give-away Room (free furniture and house wares) open in the basement of **Fisher Hall 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Sign up on Niebuhr Bulletin Board for Friday afternoon activities**
- 5:30 p.m.** Reception with YDS Faculty and Staff (Dinner with faculty and staff following at local restaurants) **Common Room; depart in groups for dinners at 6:00 p.m.**
- 9:00 p.m.** Ecumenical Evening Prayer & Dessert Reception Walk in groups or drive from local downtown restaurants; arrive when you can. **Dwight Chapel** is in the center of the Old Campus, just off New Haven Green and directly inside and opposite Phelps Gate (enter through Phelps Gate on College Street between Elm and Chapel).
- Hosted for YDS by the University Church and University Chaplain's Office: “You're invited to an ecumenical liturgy of prayer and reflection followed by delicious desserts. We hope that spending time with music, candles, silence, and Scripture will provide a renewing refuge in your busy week.”
 - **Dwight Chapel (main campus)**
 - Gathering music begins at 8:45 p.m.

Optional Evening Activity (see *BTFO P.M.* for transportation and further details)
 ➤ YDS Karaoke Party
 GPSCY, 9:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Friday, August 31

8:00 a.m.	Berkeley Divinity School (BDS) Morning Prayer & Intro to St. Luke's Chapel	Berkeley Center (corner of Canner and St. Ronan Streets, just down the hill from Sterling Quadrangle)
9:00 a.m.	Community & Diversity at YDS	Common Room
10:00 a.m.	Breakout discussions in assigned small groups	Sterling Quad; look for your small group leader
10:30 a.m.	YDS Community Eucharist	Marquand Chapel
11:30 a.m.	BTFO Concluding Remarks and Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Peterson 	Niebuhr Hall
12:00 noon	Lunch	Sterling Quad
1:30 p.m.	Free time or optional afternoon activities; options include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking trips • Shopping trips • Visits to local museums 	All depart from YDS Parking Lot (sign up for specific activities on the Niebuhr Hall bulletin board on Thursday by 5:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m.	Cook-out on Sterling Quad (vegetarian options available)	Sterling Quad
8:30 p.m.	<i>The Sterling Drive-in</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor screening of the 2005 film <i>Millions</i> • Special theological introduction by Dale Peterson & Greta Getlein 	Sterling Quad (Bring blankets and your favorite movie snacks and stretch out under the stars!)