

Graduate Commons Program Welcomes New Faculty Directors

After eight years of service and mentorship, the founding Faculty Directors of Harvard University Housing's Graduate Commons program have transitioned out of their leadership roles.

Professors David Carrasco and María Luisa Parra (10 Akron Street), along with Professor Jennifer Lerner and Dr. Brian Gill (5 Cowperthwaite Street), have been instrumental in the development and growth of Graduate Commons from a two-building pilot program introduced in 2008 to its current reach across 3,000 Harvard University Housing units. Having interacted with countless graduate students and their families over the years, the Faculty Directors depart with many friendships and fond memories of their time with GCP. Celebrations to honor the four took place at the beginning of May.

Faculty Directors Professor Jim and Doreen Hogle (Peabody Terrace) and Professor Chris and Nancy Winship (29 Garden Street) have been joined by Professor Guhan Subramanian and his wife, Helen Clement (10 Akron Street) and Professor Nancy Hill and her husband, Rendall Howell (5 Cowperthwaite Street). Harvard University Housing Managing Director Steve Nason, who assisted in the selection of the new Faculty Directors, is excited to welcome such dynamic individuals to the community.

The arrival of the new Faculty Directors coincides with the expansion of the Graduate Commons Program to the entire Harvard University Housing portfolio. New to the program is Harvard @ Trilogy, located near the Harvard Longwood Campus, as well as Soldiers Field Park and One Western Avenue, located on the Harvard Business School Campus.

Said Lisa Valela, the Associate Director of the Graduate Commons Program, "The Graduate Commons Program is appreciative for the role Drs. Lerner, Gill, Carrasco and Parra have played over the past eight years. They have made a lasting impact on the residents here and I am grateful for their guidance and leadership. I am also very excited to see how the community grows under our new Faculty influence."

About the New Faculty Directors

Guhan Subramanian and Helen Clement

Professor Subramanian is the Joseph Flom Professor of Law and Business at the Harvard Law School and the Douglas Weaver Professor of Business Law at the Harvard Business School. He teaches courses in negotiations and corporate law at Harvard Law School, while his work at HBS revolves around several executive education programs, including Strategic Negotiations, Changing the Game, Making Corporate

Boards More Effective, and the Advanced Management Program. He is the faculty chair for the JD/MBA program at Harvard University and the Vice Chair for Research for the Harvard Program on Negotiation. Subramarian is also well-steeped in Harvard ways and traditions—he received his bachelor’s degree in economics from Harvard College in 1992 and an M.B.A. and law degree from Harvard in 1998. Like her husband, Helen Clement also holds an M.B.A. from Harvard and currently works as a Consultant Relations Manager at Wellington Management in Boston. The couple and their two children will live in 10 Akron Street.

Nancy Hill and Rendall Howell

Professor Hill is the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute and a tenured faculty member at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). Much of her research revolves around cultural, economic, and community influences on family socialization patterns that end up shaping child and adolescent development and achievement. Professor Hill was the recipient of a Distinguished Faculty Fellowship from the William T. Grant Foundation for her work on improving adolescents’ academic adjustment holistically via interagency collaborations at the state and local levels. Most recently, Hill chaired the search committee for the newly developed HGSE Dean’s Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Development. The two-year fellowship prepares outstanding recent doctoral graduates from diverse backgrounds for successful faculty careers in education. While she has been at Harvard in some capacity since 2007, Professor Hill previously spent time in the Midwest states of Michigan and Ohio where she earned her Ph.D. and a master’s degree in developmental psychology and an undergraduate degree in psychology. Professor Hill and her husband, Rendall, a Strategic Account Manager at Digital Insight, live in 5 Cowperthwaite Street with their children and are looking forward to engaging with the students.