Our concentrators who serve on the Student Advisory Committee are an integral part of the Undergraduate English Program. They act as representatives of the department and are the house liaisons, there to assist students considering the English concentration with practical information and advice. Interested students are encouraged to seek out friendly faces of their house SAC representative.
Lowell House

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Dianisbeth is a senior English concentrator from Brooklyn, New York. Her interests in the English department include 20th-century American literature, contemporary Latino/a literature, and young adult literature. On campus, she is the Vice President of Harvard Fuerza Latina and is involved in Women in Business. She also works for the Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Program, a division of the Admissions Office. The only thing she likes more than reading is talking about the English department. Feel free to reach out to her to talk about English, books, movies, television shows that are always on hiatus, or anything else!

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Mather House

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Bridget Irvine is a senior from Oradell, New Jersey. She lives in Mather House, and is currently writing a thesis on the discrete forms of authenticity in contemporary literature. Her main interests include 20th century literature and poetry, and she was able to study literature in London last semester with a much broader focus, including some Scandinavian myths. She is co-president of Tuesday Magazine, performs poetry at Mather's open mic nights, participates with the Harvard Undergraduate Beekeepers, and adores innovation in photography and music. Contact her if you want to talk about bees, Sufjan Stevens, or the benefits of prosody in prose.

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Cabot House

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Taylor is a junior English Concentrator, whose academic passions include: lyric poetry, 19th century British Authors, music, and history. Outside of the classroom Taylor travels as a singer/songwriter, and loves going hiking and camping with the Harvard Outing Club. If you have any questions regarding English or campus life, please feel free to reach out to Taylor!
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Adams House

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Robert is a junior in Adams House from Rye, New York. His primary interests within the English Department are 20th-century American literature and creative writing. Outside of the English department, he's been a member of the Harvard Krokodiloes, Harvard's oldest a capella singing group, for the past two years, and has spent the past two summers on the road with the Kroks, traveling to places such as Taipei, Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo, Macau, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Melbourne, Kisii, Istanbul, Sayn, Tuscany, and Paris. This year he's a member of the Hasty Pudding Theatricals and plays guitar and cello in the Hasty Pudding Band. In addition to HPT and the Kroks, Robert works at Borrow Direct and Interlibrary Loan at Widener Library, works on various HRDC theater productions, plays guitar and writes songs, listens to the Radiohead and Beatles discographies religiously, reads, and writes a lot of fiction. These days he's most interested in Don Delillo and Dostoevsky. His favorite place on campus is the west wing of the second floor of the Widener Stacks, and this is where he finds peace and creative bliss. He loves to talk about books, about writers, about music, about art and aesthetics in general, and would love to meet anyone interested in concentrating in English, or in simply having a creative and stimulating chat!

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Eliot House

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Joan is a junior in Eliot House. She hails from a small beach town in Connecticut, although she is not particularly fond of beaches and finds her ideal reading environment in places where she can enjoy a mug of tea. Her academic interests primarily lie in women's literature and Asian American literature. She intended to concentrate in Economics until a week before the deadline to declare (instead, she has chosen to pursue a secondary). On campus, she writes sappy scripts for the Harvard Pops Orchestra and plays a wide range of musical genres (from Tchaikovsky to Disney) on the violin. As for her down time, Joan browses for new craft or baking projects to add to her ever-growing Pinterest board and considers herself a jaded critic of Japanese anime and manga. Her puppy Beowoof always finds his way into her conversations, but she is eager to talk to anyone who wants to be persuaded into joining the English department, or anyone who has questions about the concentration in general.

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Eliot House

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Aemilia is a senior English concentrator from Westchester, NY, living in Eliot House. She's particularly interested in the intersection of literature and culture, and her secondary in anthropology makes her excited to study why authors choose to write, and the circumstances that influence them to do so. She's currently writing a thesis focusing on narration in Latin American literature, with a focus on the magical realist genre. On campus, Aemilia is the captain of the women's polo team, and spends most her weekends riding horses in Hamilton, MA. She loves talking about anything related to books and writing, and would be more than happy to sit down with with any prospective English concentrators and answer questions about the department, Harvard, or life in general!

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Dunster House

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Min-Woo is a senior English concentrator from Southern California. He dabbles in the art of writing raps, and his favorite philosophers are Calvin and Hobbes. He enjoys eating good food, traveling to faraway places with good food, making new friends at faraway places with good food, and surfing. Min-Woo is a part of the Asian American Christian Fellowship, the Asian American Brotherhood, and the Dunster House Committee. He believes that trail mix is nothing without its fair share of M&Ms; he watches a lot of spoken word. Min-Woo just used that semi-colon for punctuation diversity. He can be found listening to Christmas songs at any given point of the year. Please feel free to reach out to Min-Woo about anything regarding or not regarding the English concentration!

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Dunster House

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Chris Riley is a junior from Boston, Massachusetts. He lives in Dunster House and enjoys looking contemptuously at Mather's architecture. In the English department, Chris spends most of his time studying 20th century American literature, mostly of the modernist variety. Though he has yet to find a class in this, Chris also enjoys printing out the lyrics to folk music and close reading them as poetry. Other academic interests include philosophy and Classics, so hit him up with questions about a secondary in those fields or the intersection between them and English. In his free time, Chris enjoys Dunkin Donuts, playing the guitar, and/or watching Netflix (yes he has done all three at once). Email Chris or find him lounging in the Barker Center if you want to talk about English or anything else!

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Jarrod Wetzel-Brown
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Jarrod is a junior English concentrator from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He grew up a hopeless romantic and remains one today. In the English Department he predominantly studies Shakespeare, Romantic poetry, and early American fiction. Jarrod is also a pre-medical student and is more than willing to discuss balancing the English Concentration with other subjects of study. He thoroughly believes that studying English here at Harvard while also being a “pre-med” student has allowed him to get the most out of his liberal arts education, and he strongly encourages anyone interested in pursuing English alongside other varying academic disciplines to come talk to him! When not studying in the Barker Center, Jarrod enjoys being a PAF to freshman students, a liaison for both University Health Services and the Center for Wellness, a student masseur, and also a barista in the Barker Center Arts Cafe. He also loves to travel, spend time with his friends and family, and is a firm believer that all individuals possess something extraordinary within themselves. He loves getting to know new people, so please always feel free to stop by the cafe to say hello!

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