



Supporting our Community

Message from Dean Cooley; sent 1/29/2017 to all GSAS students, faculty and staff:

To the Yale Graduate School Community;

My thoughts today are with students and their families affected by the recent presidential executive order banning certain international travel. I wish we could provide clear and specific guidance for every situation, but we do not yet know what the consequences of the order will be in the coming days. Anyone planning travel to or from the affected countries or with related questions should contact the [Office of International Students and Scholars](#) (OISS). OISS is posting information as it becomes available [here](#). If you have further concerns or want to speak to someone, please reach out to the deans, directors, and staff in the Graduate School or to your director of graduate studies.

In a time when powerful voices seek to divide and polarize the people of the United States, I hope members of the Yale community will take time to reflect on current events in the light of history, and work together to maintain the open and welcoming environment that must remain a distinguishing feature of our University and Nation.

A candlelight vigil in support of immigrants and refugees is being held this evening (Sunday) at 6pm in front of Sterling Memorial Library. Please bring a candle if you attend. The vigil will be followed by a benefit concert for [IRIS – Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services](#) – in Battell Chapel at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Yours,
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