



## YaleGALE @ Yale: *Join YaleGALE in New Haven, in November* [yalegale.org/forums](http://yalegale.org/forums)

### Mission

*The Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE) is a strategic initiative of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) that seeks the advancement of higher education through alumni engagement and volunteer leadership. YaleGALE volunteers share best practices in alumni relations and foster rich cultural understanding with alumni from universities around the world. YaleGALE, through its engagement of leaders, shares with and strengthens volunteer driven organizations.*

### The Power of Place

*For those interested in how Campus land planning and architecture affect university traditions and alumni loyalties, YaleGALE@Yale is a perfect opportunity. Tour the Campus. Attend a concert or two. See a sporting event. Get a taste of college residential life with lunch at one of the Yale residential college dining halls.*

### YaleGALE abroad – *how we got started*

Every year, starting in 2008, the Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE) has sent delegations of Yale alumni volunteers to visit universities around the world. We present forums, produce conferences, and participate in exchanges. We engage with professionals in the field of alumni relations as well as their alumni volunteers and volunteer leaders. When we visit a university to exchange best practices, it is easier for us to understand and appreciate those best practices because we see the university and the culture which produced them. Each visit also enables us to focus on the issues relevant to a particular university or region, and to meet and get to know many people from there. Yet, it is also harder to explain our best practices outside their own context.



*YaleGALE conference in Beijing 2011*

### Bringing it all back home – *a different kind of exchange opportunity*

YaleGALE conducts a Forum at Yale University in November, during the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) Assembly. Visiting alumni relations professionals and alumni volunteer leaders get a different perspective. They still get to hear how the AYA practices alumni relations. But they also get to see it being practiced. They get to experience some Yale alumni traditions as well. All of this happens at Yale, in the setting which makes those traditions come alive. Attendees still get to interact with Yale alumni leaders. They also exchange best practices and network with alumni relations leaders from around the world.

### The Power of Assembly

Attendees at YaleGALE @ Yale are able to observe the AYA Assembly – the premier alumni leadership event at Yale. Assembly brings 500 Yale alumni volunteer leaders back to Yale for training, networking and fellowship. The AYA, Yale University, its President, and University administrators use this opportunity to update alumni, gather feedback, and honor exceptional gifts of time, talent and treasure. There are large and small festive gatherings.

### The Power of Tradition

Assembly coincides with the last home football game of the year. Associated festivities include concerts, tailgating parties and other Homecoming-like events typical of many American universities. YaleGALE @ Yale attendees are hosted by YaleGALE representatives to take full advantage of these events.



*Concert in Woolsey Hall at Yale*