

These are a Few of My Favorite Things...

There are many wonderful things to see and do in the Cambridge/Boston area and our faculty, graduate students, and staff have recommended some of their favorites!



Restaurants





Museums, Activities, & Entertainment





Exploring the Area

Professor Troy Van Voorhis

-  Za's pizza in Kendall Square, especially anything with the hot cherry peppers. (www.zarestaurant.com, 350 Third Street, Cambridge)
-  The Minuteman Trail for walking/running/biking (www.minutemanbikeway.org, passes through Cambridge, Arlington, Lexington, and Bedford)


Timothy Sinclair (Bawendi Group)

-  I am a huge fan of Farmstead Table, a farm-to-table restaurant in Newton Centre. The food is extremely good and fresh! It's less than 100 feet from the Newton Centre green line stop so its easily accessible as well. (www.farmsteadtable.com, 71 Union Street, Newton Centre)
-  There are many Escape Room companies in Boston and each has several rooms and are making new rooms all the time, so it is hard to say what my favorite is, but I'd say I had a really fun time at the Conundrum Museum room at Boxaroo. (www.boxaroo.me, 55 Court Street, Boston)



Professor Sylvia Ceyer

-  Kayaking on the Charles Riving. (www.paddleboston.com, May – October, 15 Broad Canal Way, Cambridge)

Sam Kazer (Shalek Group)

-  Bukowski's Tavern - great burgers & beer. (www.bukowskitavern.net, 1281 Cambridge Street, Cambridge)


Jessica Beard (Swager Group)

-  I love University Stationery! Open during the week, limited hours Saturdays, and closed Sundays. (296 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge)
-  Area 4 for brunch! I love their Hot Mess. It's also convenient to get to from MIT if you're planning on going to lab afterwards. (www.areafour.com, 500 Technology Square, Cambridge)

Chenru Duan (Kulik Group, ChemE)

-  Café Luna – Brilliant brunch on weekends. (www.cafeluna-centralsq.com, 612 Main Street, Cambridge)
- Sumiao Hunan Kitchen – This is where you can find spicy Chinese food, (www.sumiaohunan.com, 270 Third Street, Cambridge)

Madeleine Sutherland (Hong Group)

-  My favorite restaurant in Cambridge is Asmara, the Eritrean place right on Mass Ave. Every dish tastes phenomenal and it's such a fun atmosphere. It's a great place to have dinner and catch up with an old friend. (www.asmararestaurantboston.com, 739 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge).

Professor Tim Jamison



One of my favorites is going on a long walk with the destination being one of the Flour bakeries/cafes and then having a coffee and/or one of their bakery sandwiches (www.flourbakery.com, closest to MIT: 190 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge)

Ardavan Faravash (Willard Group)



- Max Brenner: For chocolate lovers I'd imagine this is what heaven looks like. It's like Willy Wonka's chocolate factory minus the oompa loompas. The chocolate chunk pizza is a miracle of the modern world. (www.maxbrenner.com/locations/usa/restaurant-boston, 745 Boylston St, Boston)
- L.A. Burdick's: Similar to Max Brenners. A bit more upscale, just as delicious. (<https://www.burdickchocolate.com/chocolateshop-cafe-cambridge.aspx>, 52 Brattle Street, Cambridge)

Jesse Gordon (Schlau-Cohen Group)



I really like going to and walking around Boston Common, Boston Public Garden and (if it's open) the Massachusetts State House.

Professor Bob Field



- The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. It is a small and wonderfully idiosyncratic museum. (www.gardnermuseum.org, 25 Evans Way, Boston)
- The Museum of Fine Arts (www.mfa.org, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston)
- Glass Flowers Gallery at the Museum at the Harvard Museum of Natural History (www.hmn.harvard.edu, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge)
- Harvard Fogg Art Museum (www.harvardartmuseums.org, 32 Quincy Street, Cambridge)

Professor Liz Nolan



Christina's Homemade Ice Cream in Inman Square. (www.christinasicecream.com, 1255 Cambridge Street, Cambridge)

Salima Bahri (Griffin Group)



- Union Square Donuts has the best donuts and hot cider I've ever had. Period. If you're not vegan, I'd try the Sea-Salted Bourbon Caramel. They have really tasty vegan options too! (www.unionsquaredonuts.com, 20 Bow Street, Somerville)
- Right next to it is Capone Foods, a little Italian shop that makes really good, simple cannolis, and have loads of other amazing ingredients for cooking or immediate eating. (www.caponefoods.com, 14 Bow Street, Somerville)

Jennifer Weisman (Chemistry Education Office)



If you are a crafty person (or want to become a crafty person) this is the place for you! Lots of fantastic fabric, yarn, needlework supplies, and other fun stuff plus they offer classes. (www.gatherhereonline.com, 1343 Cambridge Street, Cambridge)