In Ezra Stiles, the Dean is responsible for all housing assignments. Room allocation is implemented by the housing committee, which is composed of the dean and two permanent representatives from each class. Interviews are held in the spring term to select the freshmen committee members and committee members serve for three years. The committee affords its members no special privileges, only the immeasurable gratitude of the community and dinner with the dean at Ibiza or a similarly fantastic restaurant. Any housing concerns should be addressed to the committee. The committee will respect confidential communications.

Ezra Stiles College housing is determined by a lottery system that acknowledges seniority. Rising sophomores choose housing first, as they are guaranteed housing for the sophomore year, then rising seniors, and then rising juniors. The Housing Committee will determine ahead of time which suites and rooms will be available to sophomores. As of the 2013 spring draw, seniors will now be allowed to pick whichever rooms they want in the senior draw, and remaining rooms will be available to juniors.

Annex. This year the annex space for Ezra Stiles will be in Swing Space. (Other colleges that will have annex space in Swing are: Berkeley, Morse, and Trumbull.) No pinning across colleges is allowed. Rooms in Swing will consist of two singles with a shared bathroom, kitchen and common room. All hallways in Swing Space will be coed; bathrooms are located within the suites. Given the growing popularity of Swing Space housing, there will be no opting in to Swing Space and those spaces will be available as part of the housing draw. Juniors will be able to choose rooms in Swing Space at the same time as rooms in Stiles during the Junior draw. Please note that seniors have the option of choosing to live in Swing Space.

FYI: Plans of available ES housing will be available before the lottery for students to study the room selection.

Ezra Stiles rising sophomores are strongly encouraged to attend the housing meeting for their class. In addition, there will be an informal housing meeting for rising juniors and senior.

All Ezra Stiles students wishing to live on-campus will need to officially register for their housing draw immediately following the Spring Break. Students will be asked to submit the signed housing cards (with two people per card for sophomores, or as individuals for juniors/seniors) by Friday, March 28 at 5:00 pm. If a student fails to submit his/her Housing Card he/she will not be able to enter the room draw the following week and will not be guaranteed housing for the next academic year.

The number draw for sophomores, juniors and seniors will be conducted on April 7th (attendance optional) and the results emailed out the same day. The room draw for sophomores, seniors and juniors will be on April 8th.

ES Housing Procedures, Rules, Schedule, and Available Housing By Class
Housing Procedure

Lottery for All Classes

Lotteries determine the order in which students pick their rooms. The dean conducts the lottery by pulling numbers out of a hat; everyone is welcome to observe this process in the name of transparency. There are separate lotteries for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, and separate sub-lotteries for male and females for the sophomore class only.

On the night of the lottery the pinned groups for each specific class year will be assigned one number per pin group. The dean will then pick numbers out of a hat to determine the room draw order that will happen on the following day.

Room Draw for Rising Sophomores

Students will form housing card groups of 2 (i.e., roommates), and then may pin into 8's, 6's or 4's. All groups are single-gendered.

The draws occur in the following order: 8's draw, 4's draw, 6's draw (and 3's draw as a final part of the 6's draw). In rare cases 6's may end up drawing before 4's due to numbers. Each # draw consists of a men's draw and a women's draw occurring simultaneously.

Each group will choose a room on the large housing draw boards according to the lottery order. Each group will have only two minutes per person in the pin group to choose a room determined the day before. If a group is incapable of choosing a room in the allotted time, it will be asked to wait until the end of its draw to do so. Absolutely no switching of rooms will be allowed during room draw, but may occur afterward (see 'Room Switching,' below).

The draw order for the 8 and 4 draws will be determined by lottery in the following manner:

- The 8 person pin group lottery will determine which groups get an 8 pack, and in what order they will draw. Any groups that draw too low to get an 8-pack will automatically be entered as a single pin-group of two 4-packs in the 4-pack draw.

- The 4-pack pin group lottery will determine which groups get a 4-pack, and in what order they will draw. Any groups that draw too low to get a 4-pack will be notified immediately so that they may arrange groups of 6 in time for the 6-pack lottery.

The draw order for the 6 and 3 draws will be determined by lottery in the following manner:

- Those who originally pinned as 6's plus any new 6 person pin groups (left over from the 8/4 draw) will enter the lottery, and the draw order will be determined by lottery.

- The final 6 person pin group in each gender draw will be split into two three person suites (one single and one double with a common room).
ROOM DRAW FOR RISING SENIORS

Seniors will fill out housing cards as individuals, and may pin into groups of any size up to 8 (this will allow seniors to choose rooms at the same time as the others in their pin group, which will maximize the ability to room near each other).

If a particular student cannot attend the room/suite draw, he/she will be able to designate a proxy who will then participate in the event. Each group will choose a room according to the lottery order. Pin groups may only select suites that they are able to fill. Seniors may opt to live in Swing, but they may only do so in pairs. Each group will have only two minutes per person in the pin group to choose a room. If a group is incapable of choosing a suite in the allotted time, it will be asked to wait until the end of its draw to do so. Absolutely no switching of suites will be allowed during room draw. This process will continue until everyone in this class has chosen a room.

ROOM DRAW FOR RISING JUNIORS

Juniors will fill out housing cards as individuals, but are required to pin with AT LEAST ONE other person. This is to make sure that those towards the end of the draw that may have to choose one of the few doubles in the draw can share a room with someone that they know. Juniors may also pin up to 8 individuals.

If a particular student cannot attend the room draw, he/she will be able to designate a proxy who will then participate in the event. Each group will choose a room according to the lottery order. Pin groups may only select suites that they are able to fill. Each group will have only two minutes per person in the pin group to choose a room. If a group is incapable of choosing a room in the allotted time, it will be asked to wait until the end of its draw to do so. Absolutely no switching of rooms will be allowed during room draw. This process will continue until everyone in this class has chosen a room in either Ezra Stiles College or our annex location.

Annex. This year the annex space for Ezra Stiles will be in Swing Space. (Other colleges that will have annex space in Swing are: Berkeley, Morse, and Trumbull.) **No pinning across colleges is allowed.** Rooms in Swing will consist of two singles with a shared bathroom, kitchen and common room. All hallways in Swing Space will be coed; bathrooms are located within the suites. Juniors will be able to choose rooms in Swing Space at the same time as rooms in Stiles during the Junior draw.
HOUSING RULES

Before the Housing Draw

Housing Cards. All students, including those who are planning to live off campus, are required to fill out housing cards. The housing cards specify whether a student plans to live on campus, whom they will be rooming with (for sophomores), and their intended pin group. Housing cards must be dropped off at the Dean's Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28. All sophomores must live on campus, unless they are married or over 21 years of age.

Deadlines. A person submitting a housing card after the calendar deadline, but before the lotteries, is automatically placed at the bottom of the relevant lottery.

Spring Term Housing Only. Requests for second-semester housing for students who will be abroad or on leave in the fall must be submitted by November 30. Every attempt will be made to accommodate returning students seeking second-semester housing but cannot be guaranteed.

Class Definitions: Sophomore/Junior/Senior. For purposes of the housing rules, a student is a member of the class he or she will enter in the upcoming fall. A current freshman will be defined as a sophomore in these rules, a current sophomore as a junior, and a current junior as a senior. (See Rule 5 on acceleration.)

Acceleration, Leaves, and Withdrawals. Acceleration does not affect class status for purposes of housing. Students participate in the lottery of their original entering class. First-year students enter the sophomore lottery; second-year students, the junior; third-year students, the senior. A student who takes off one term is for housing purposes a member of his or her original class. A student who takes off two or more terms and returns to a different class will be considered for housing purposes a member of the new. No student who is currently withdrawn from Yale may participate in a lottery even though he or she anticipates readmission in the upcoming fall term.

Students Currently Abroad or on Leave. Students who are currently taking a term abroad or a semester off may be included in the lottery only if they intend to be enrolled in Yale this coming fall. To be counted in the lottery, such students must notify the Dean’s Office in writing of their intention to live in Stiles next fall and designate someone (a housing proxy) to act on their behalf in the lottery. If the student cannot find another student to be their proxy, they may ask for their class’ Housing Committee representatives to serve as their proxy.

Mixed-Year Housing. Any requests to live with members of another year will be handled on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed. We will do our best to accommodate people who legitimately want these arrangements. For mixed-year housing, class is determined by the lowest year. This means that the upperclassmen in the group will enter the lower classmen’s draw. Both rising seniors and juniors are allowed to live in mixed gender suites. Please talk to the Housing Committee no later than when you turn in your housing card if you plan to live in a group that has students from different classes.

Co-ed Housing. Rising seniors and juniors are allowed to live in mixed gender suites. Although suites may be co-ed, double rooms are single sex only.

Common Rooms. Any stand-alone single in a cluster (collection of suites on a floor between two stairwells, sharing a bathroom) will be assigned to a common room if a common room exists in that cluster.
Students assigned to common rooms will have the same rights and obligations as the other students who share the common room area.

**Special Needs or Housing Concerns.** Any student with a special need or a housing concern should meet with the dean well before the housing draw to discuss these issues. The dean will try to accommodate these students but does not guarantee any special arrangements. The dean will consult with Judy York of the Resource Office on Disabilities about these cases.

**The Housing Draw**

**Lottery Groups.** Pin groups (as indicated on the Housing Cards) or individual Housing Cards (for unpinned cards) will serve as the lottery ticket in the random determination of draw order. If any of the people on your Housing Card change or drop out after the deadline, the Housing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action (e.g., assigning students to the room or giving the suite last pick in the draw.). Late applicants automatically get last pick in their respective lotteries.

**Lotteries.** Lotteries determine the order in which students pick their rooms. The dean conducts the lottery by pulling numbers out of a hat; everyone is welcome to observe this process in the name of transparency. There are separate lotteries for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, and separate sub-lotteries for male and females for the sophomore class only.

**Decisions are Final.** Any and all decisions made at the draw are final, and it is your responsibility to attend the draw. If there are extenuating circumstances that require you to miss the draw, you must designate a proxy and have this person sign the form and attend the room draw for you. Please alert the dean of any such arrangements.

**Best Behavior.** The Committee reserves the right to expel from the room draw proceedings anyone who causes a disturbance or who otherwise disrupts the room draw. The Committee will represent those expelled for the remainder of the draw.

**Housing Contracts.** At the time students choose a room, they will sign a contract for that room. Anyone who participates in room draw and then decides to relinquish his/her housing in order to live off-campus or to take a leave of absence is also subject to a fine of ¼ of the fall term room rate, as stated in the **Yale College Undergraduate Regulations**. Any student who participates in the room draw and subsequently withdraws from his/her room obligation will automatically be placed at the bottom of the following year’s draw in the event he/she choose to move back on campus. This penalty does not pertain to students who take a leave of absence in the spring or participate in a study abroad experience.

**After the Housing Draw**

**Room Switching.** If two suites or individuals wish to exchange rooms, they may do so by contacting the Dean’s Office by 5:00 pm on the day following the room draw. All members of both suites must agree to any and all switches in writing (there is a form for it). A student who has signed a contract may not switch rooms without permission from the dean. If it is discovered that a student has done so without permission, he/she will have to move to their assigned room and will automatically be placed at the bottom of the following year’s housing draw.

**Ghosting.** Ghosting occurs when a student puts his or her name on a housing card, knowing that he or she does not plan to live in the residential college. A student who places his or her name on a housing card
and withdraws before the draw is also considered to be ghosting. The dean and the housing committee regard ghosting as disrespectful and inconsiderate behavior. Should this occur, one of two things may happen: (1) the group will be allowed to keep the room, but the dean and Housing Committee may place someone to fill the vacated spot without consulting the other group members, or (2) the group will forfeit their right to the room and may be forced to disperse (i.e. they will be forced to live off campus). In addition, the individual who engaged in ghosting will be at the bottom list of the draw for all subsequent draws.

**Smoking.** Smoking is forbidden in the college. If the dean speaks to a student about smoking in the college and the problem continues, the student will be placed at the bottom of the housing draw for the following year.

**Pets.** Pets are not allowed, with the notable exceptions of Aqua and Mambo.

**General Rules**

**All questions in writing.** If you have any questions or concerns about housing in Stiles that are not explained in this document, you must submit them in writing (this includes e-mail) to your class’s housing reps, who will bring them before the committee.

**Doubles are Doubles.** Should your roommate leave to study abroad or for any other reason, the Dean may fill that empty bed without prior notice according to the needs of the college.

**Unknown Stilesians.** Stiles will house 4 unknown suitemates: 2 transfer students from other universities, and 2 visiting rising juniors from international universities. Groups may agree to take one or more of these students as a member of their suite. Groups that wish to exercise this option must inform the Housing Committee in writing before they submit their Housing Card. In all cases, seniority rules.

**Elastic Clause.** The Housing Committee reserves the right to modify the rules at any time if the situation warrants. In addition, suite assignments can be changed to ensure fairness and to make sure that everyone has a place to live. All decisions will be made at the discretion of the Housing Committee, the Dean, and the Master. All decisions are final.

**Housing Committee Members**

Dean Lizarríbar

**Co-Chairs**
Samson Berhane
Debby Abramov

**Class of 2016**
Becky Martin
Chad Small

**Class of 2015**
Bianca Kim
Chris Melendez

**Class of 2017**
Yuki Hayashi
Alex Tymchenko
HOUSING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – Stiles/Morse Crescent Theatre
8:00 – 8:30 pm – HOUSING INFORMATION MEETING FOR CLASS OF 2017
8:30 – 9:00 pm – Informational Housing Session for Class of 2015 and 2016

Friday, March 28, 2014 – ES Dean’s Office
5:00 pm – HOUSING CARDS DUE for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors

Reminder: If a student fails to submit his/her housing card he/she will not be able to enter the room draw the following week and will not be guaranteed housing for the next academic year. **One housing card is required per pair of roommates for sophomores, and one per individual for seniors/juniors!**

Monday, April 7, 2014 – Dining Hall
Time TBA – LOTTERY for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors—attendance optional.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – Dining Hall
Time TBA – ROOM DRAW for rising sophomores, seniors and juniors (Class of 2014 and 2015)

You are responsible for knowing the rules and observing the schedule.

Any medical requests for special accommodation must be cleared by Judy York in the Resource Office on Disabilities and must be notified to the Dean no later than March 28, 2014 at 5pm, when housing cards are due.
AVAILABLE HOUSING PER CLASS

**SOPHOMORES**

All sophomores will live in 8, 4, 6, or 3-person suites.

Available housing for Sophomores (total of 124 students):
- 4 8-person suites (4 doubles with a large common room) [H12, H22, H32, H42]
- 6 6-person suites (3 doubles with a common room) [J21, J22, J31, J32, J41, J42]
- 4 3-person suites (1 double and 1 single with a common room) [H11, H21, H31, H41]

**JUNIORS & SENIORS**

In Stiles
- 7 3-person suites (1 double and 1 stand-alone single with a common room)
- 1 5-person suite (1 double and three stand-alone singles with a common room)
- 4 5 Single suites (5 singles with a common room)
- 3 3-Single suites (3 singles with a common room)
- ?? Stand-alone singles

**Swing Space:**

- 2-person suites (2 single rooms with a common room) Number is determined by need.

**NOTE:** Any stand-alone single in a cluster (collection of suites on a floor between two stairwells, sharing a bathroom) will be assigned to a common room if a common room exists in that cluster. Students assigned to common rooms will have the same rights and obligations as the other students who share the common room area.