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Upcoming Events

Salon at the Home of Christel McDonald

Dr. Marc Sebrechts, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Catholic University will be delivering a talk entitled: "How Technology Changes our Mind" where he will be discussing the ways in which our thought processes, problem solving and personal interactions are dependent on technology. The tools we create shape new possibilities and limits in human cognition. The myth of multitasking provides a key example.

Dr. Sebrecht's research is in Human Factors Psychology, an area that examines the way in which humans interact with technology, focusing on design of systems that can improve human functioning. He is

especially interested in basic perceptual and cognitive factors that underly learning and performance with newer technologies, such as virtual reality.

When: Saturday, November 12, 3:00-5:00pm

Please arrive at 3:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, for gathering time and refreshments. At 3:30 p.m. Dr. Sebrechts will begin his talk.

Where: Tower Villas, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Apt. 1001, Arlington, VA 22203

Drive, Apt. 1001, Arlington, VA 22203. The building is at the corner of Oakland and 9th Streets N. You can park in the commercial spaces entry on Oakland Street, just before corner to 9th Street, and use the Lobby entrance into Tower Villas on 9th street.

Space is very limited. The McDonalds' home can accommodate only about 15 people in addition to the host, the speaker, and their spouses

Who: All Members in good standing

How: Please register through our website: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/322>

Cost: Please bring \$5 cash to cover the cost of refreshments and drinks.

Salons had a long tradition in Europe, especially in Italy and France, and were an important place for the exchange of ideas. Our DC PBK Association has gathered in the past to repeat this inspiring tradition, to enjoy conversation and the discussion of challenging topics, with refreshments before and afterward.

Young Professionals Network Oktoberfest Dinner

Come celebrate Fall with the Young Professionals Network at Cafe Berlin with some tasty food, good beer, and great company! We will enjoy drinks from 6pm-7pm, and then sit down for dinner at 7:00pm. Feel free to arrive any time between 6pm and 7pm. Cafe Berlin is located at 322 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington DC 20002, just a few blocks from the Union Station metro stop on the red-line. Please RSVP by Monday, October 24th through the DC PBK website: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/326>.

To view the dinner menu, please click here: <http://www.cafeberlin-dc.com/dinner/>. To help split checks, cash is recommended.

Recent Events

Woodrow Wilson House - Monthly Vintage Game Night

On October 5, a group of DC PBK members gathered after work at the Woodrow Wilson House in Kalorama for lawn and board games, drinks, and great conversation for the House's monthly Vintage Game Night. A handful of us had the opportunity to speak with Bob Enholm, the most recent executive director of the House, who talked to us about Wilson's legacy as president as well as his other favorite presidents. We also enjoyed getting to know some of our newest DC PBK members. Everyone who attended was happy to discover this hidden gem in DC.

Young Professionals Happy Hour at Lucky Strike

On September 29th the Young Professionals group held its Fall Happy Hour at Lucky Strike, a popular bar and bowling alley located in Gallery Place. Though the bowling alleys were not used, the attendees thoroughly enjoyed their conversations with one another, catching up with old friends and welcoming the newest members of the group.

Regular Events

Book Club Meetings

The book club met on Wednesday, September 28th to discuss the timely memoir "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. A deeply moving rendering of the modern African American experience in the U.S., the book inspired intense dialogue among the 9 attendees. We discussed his message, intended audience, and potential impact, and his characterization of police violence in relation to today's headlines.

This month the book club will meet at Nagomi Izakaya on Thursday, October 20th at 7pm to discuss The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Nevin.

Here are our selections for the rest of the year:

November: Goat Song: A Seasonal Life, A Short History of Herding, and the Art of Making Cheese by Brad Kessler

December: The Odyssey by Homer

Kate Hannon is our Book Club Coordinator; you can reach her at bookclub@dcpbk.org.

Announcements

Open Volunteer Position

Fundraising Coordinator

The DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association seeks a Fundraising Coordinator to help focus and renew our fundraising goals, to organize a potential fundraising campaign, and to manage any fundraising campaigns with which we decide to move forward. A detailed description of the position can be found by visiting www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions. To apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Board Meetings

Meetings of the DC PBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2016, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, NW (just two blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro's Q Street exit).

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