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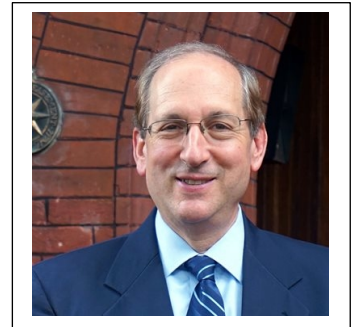
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Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet with Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary of the National Phi Beta Kappa Society

Last month, we told you to "Stay Tuned!" for a surprise event coming up in January. We are excited to announce that the D.C. Area PBK Association is partnering with the National Phi Beta Kappa Society to bring you an exclusive chance to meet with **Secretary Frederick Lawrence**. Come on over to our beautiful National Headquarters, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and learn more about Dr. Lawrence's vision for the future of Phi Beta Kappa.



Where: National PBK Headquarters
1606 New Hampshire NW
Washington, DC 20009

When: Tuesday, January 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

RSVP: <https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/2019/1/29/meet-and-greet-with-dr-frederick-lawrence>

We are also excited to be bringing you this event ahead of another jointly planned event with the National PBK Society, in which Dr. Lawrence will give an extended talk on his work around civil rights, free expression, and bias crimes. Details for this second event will be coming to you in an email announcement, and details in our next newsletter.

Dr. Lawrence has lectured internationally and is published widely, including as an opinion contributor to *The Hill* and *US News*; he frequently contributes op-eds to various other news sources, and has appeared on CNN, among other networks. In his book ***Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law***, he examines bias-motivated violence and the laws governing how such violence is punished in the United States. His expertise on this timely subject matter should prove to spark a fascinating discussion about

current events here at home and around the globe.

Frederick M. Lawrence is the 10th Secretary and CEO of the National Phi Beta Kappa Society. He is a Distinguished Lecturer at the Georgetown Law Center, and has previously served as president of Brandeis University, Dean of the George Washington University Law School, and Visiting Professor and Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2018 and the American Law Institute in 1999.

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Winter Intramurals

Come cheer on your DC PBK YP Network Winter Indoor Soccer team at Francis Stevens Middle School Mon/Wed this winter! We're always looking to hang out and spend time with any members. Please join us at Happy Hour before each game or after the games—times and locations are below, so just let Allen allen@harrisx.com or Dan dberg8@gmail.com know if you're coming!

All games take place at Francis Stevens auxiliary gym, 2425 N St. NW DC. (1) Mon. 1/14, 9 p.m.; (2) Wed. 1/23, 8 p.m.; (3) Mon. 1/28, 8 p.m.; (4) Wed. 2/6, 9 p.m.; (5) Mon. 2/11, 8 p.m.; (6) Wed. 2/27, 8 p.m.

Curling and Cocktails at the Wharf

Have you ever wanted to learn curling (the winter sport)? Do you like sampling cocktails? Then please join the YP Network on Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. for Curling and Cocktails at the Wharf DC! The Wharf is the recently completed waterfront area long the southwest of DC, which features restaurants, live music venues, retail stores, seasonal events (like this one), and other noteworthy attractions. There is no cost associated with curling or sampling cocktails. Depending on how everybody feels after curling and sampling cocktails, we may also grab a quick bite to eat at one of the quick restaurants along the Wharf (e.g. Shake Shack).

To RSVP, please click <https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/2019/2/4/curling-and-cocktails-at-the-wharf-yp-network>.

Coffee with YP Network Leadership

New to DC? Interested in learning more about the city, the events we host, or just looking to meet new people? Members of the **YP Network** leadership are available to meet with Young Professionals who are new to the Washington, DC area for coffee. Please email **Dan Rosenberg, YP Network Coordinator**, at dberg8@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a coffee meeting.

Book Club

The January meeting will be held Wednesday January 30, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Nagomi Izakaya. We'll be discussing *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell. This nonfiction text traces the Marquis de Lafayette's time in the United States during the Revolutionary War, overlapping with many well-known figures from U.S. history including Washington and Hamilton. This book was originally recommended to one of our members by a historical interpreter at Washington's Mount Vernon!

Selections for Spring 2019

January: *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell, Nonfiction, 288 pages

February: *There There* by Tommy Orange, Fiction, 448 pages

March: *Pedro Páramo* by Juan Rulfo, Classic, 124 pages, plus Tie-In Tour of the Mexican Cultural Institute

Bonus March: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E Frankl, Classic, 165 pages

April: *Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island* by Earl Swift, Nonfiction, 448 pages

May: *Go Tell it on the Mountain* by James Baldwin, Classic, 272 pages

Bonus May: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, Nonfiction, 426 pages

June: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, Fiction, 464 pages, plus Movie Viewing Tie-In

All DCPBK members are invited to attend, and to bring along any books you're looking to clean out, so that we can try to find new homes for them within the group.

To learn more about our events, please visit: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events>

Please contact **Kate Hannon** at bookclub@dcpbk.org with your comments or questions.

December Book Club Meeting

On Thursday, January 3rd, thirteen members of the Book Club met to discuss *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau, our December 2018 selection, rounding out our Fall 2018 Series. I tend to strategically assign one of our classics for our December meetings, and *Walden* proved the perfect opportunity for members to reflect on simple living and the socio-political environment that enabled Thoreau's famous philosophical experiment in the 1840s. We were almost universally agreed in criticizing Thoreau's haughty observations of his fellow citizens, and his tendency to make sweeping proclamations rooted in largely parochial observations.

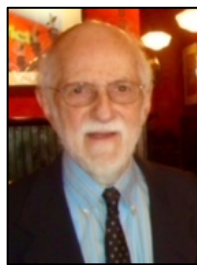
Despite the impracticality of his lifestyle (which he himself abandoned after two years), no one faulted his transporting prose on the magic and beauty of nature, covering all four seasons, all manner of flora and fauna, and above all, Walden Pond itself. We reflected on our different experiences reading the text now, versus in high school or college, and agreed that the text survives as an ode to conservation, and as a reminder to us all that the great outdoors should not be something divorced from our everyday experience of the world, something we drive to, rather than live within.

Announcements

November Donor Spotlight—Deirdre LaPin

Our Spotlight Donor in the November newsletter was Board Advisor Dr. Deirdre LaPin, who has created our first DCPBK legacy endowment, specifically to support the High School Awards Program. We regret that we earlier misstated her affiliation; she actually graduated from Agnes Scott College (Decatur, GA) in 1967. She encourages our members and friends to contribute to the Steigman Merit Award below and to consider establishing a legacy donation to DCPBK.

Contribute to the Ambassador Andrew L. Steigman Merit Award



The Board of the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association has chosen to honor our late colleague and Past President of our Association, Ambassador Andrew L. Steigman, by dedicating a special 2019 High School Award in his name. **The Ambassador Andrew L. Steigman Merit Award** will be presented at our next award ceremony in May 2019. Donors to the award of \$50 or more will be listed in our ceremony program. We invite you to join us in honoring Ambassador Steigman's memory by donating here: <https://dcpbk.org/donate/#!form/Donate>."

Mentorship Network

Mentorship Application Closed, Mentors Needed!

The application for the January 2019 cycle of the mentorship network closed on December 31st. We had a record number of applicants this cycle- over double the last cycle! We are still looking for mentors to match up with the large group of mentees. If you are interested in mentoring a young professional, or have any other questions, please email Rebecca DeSantis at mentorship@dcpbk.org. Anyone can be a mentor, so don't be shy! All applicants will be receiving information about next steps in the following weeks.

Open Volunteer Positions

We are currently seeking applications for the following officer positions. Application materials should include a cover letter and a resume. Please send materials to: volunteer@dcpbk.org.

Fundraising Committee Members

In order to implement a new fundraising strategy, the DCPBK Association is looking for the following four roles to be filled (one person may fill more than one role, as appropriate):

- Individual who reaches out to donating members and posts/sends out perks as part of “perk-based member showcase campaign”
- One who can identify which LinkedIn features to employ for building “member exchange and networking platform”
- One who can identify which is the best highly-visible platform for presenting “large” donors, be it on the LinkedIn group, a separate email outlet, or the website’s main page (or a combination)
- Web designer to implement web features needed for the above steps.

Applicants should be members of DCPBK in good standing, and should have experience in outreach to community members, community engagement, utilization of social media platforms for outreach, and web-designing skills. If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit our website at www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions or send an email to volunteer@dcpbk.org.

Executive Board Meetings

The quarterly meetings of the DC PBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The winter meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue. All PBK members are welcome to attend.

Find Us on Social Media!

Please be sure to “Like” the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association page on Facebook to follow our updates! You can also find us on LinkedIn, and follow us on our Twitter page at [@DCPhiBetaKappa](https://twitter.com/DCPhiBetaKappa).

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board

2018-2019 Officers

PRESIDENT: Nina Kuo (Duke University, 2012)

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Breann Watt
(University of California, Riverside, 2011)

SECRETARY: Dan Rosenberg, (George Washington University, 2014)

TREASURER: Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

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Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor

David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009)—Past President

Elizabeth Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)—Immediate Past President

Kate Hannon (Boston University, 2010)—Book Club Coordinator

Advisory Council

Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)—Past Vice-President

Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President