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A Summer Break

Most of us enjoy a lighter schedule in the summer, so we can enjoy graduations, weddings, and vacations near or far. That's why there aren't any at-large Association events scheduled for July and August. But both the Book Club and Young Professionals are going strong, and other good things are coming soon, so stay tuned!

Upcoming/Recent Events

Save the Date: 2019 Key Connections

Mark your calendars! The Association's annual **Key Connections** happy hour will take place this year on Monday, September 9, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Penn Social, and will include free food. The happy hour, designed to welcome 2019 college graduates and other young professionals to DC, is a great opportunity for them to meet each other. Key Connections is part of a broader effort from the national Phi Beta Kappa Society to encourage the 2019 college graduates to get to know PBK Associations across the country, and is made possible through a collaboration with the Phi Beta Kappa Society. More information about how to register for Key Connections will be coming to you shortly!

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Recent and Upcoming Events

Recent Event:

Kayaking on the Potomac

On Sunday, June 30th, 20 members of Young Professionals spent an hour kayaking on the Potomac River. Thanks to a very generous member of the Association, we were able to secure a discounted rate for our members to rent kayaks through [Boating in DC](#) at their Key Bridge location. The group had a great time on the river, and part of the group later got tacos at Chaia Tacos (a well rated vegetarian/vegan taco restaurant) in Georgetown.



Upcoming Event:

Nationals Baseball Game

There are still a few spots open to join the YP Network for a **Nationals** baseball game on Sunday, July 28th at 1:35 P.M. Tickets are \$17, and guests are encouraged and welcome to attend. To register, please click here: <https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/2019/7/28/yp-network-nationals-baseball-game>. We look forward to seeing you soon!

YP Network Survey: The DCPBK YP Network strives to be as member-centric as possible when organizing our events and programs. So, we'd love to have your input and to learn more about what you want and expect out of your involvement in the YP Network. Please consider filling out this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSV26H9>.

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 dmberg8@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a coffee meeting.

Book Club Reviews and News

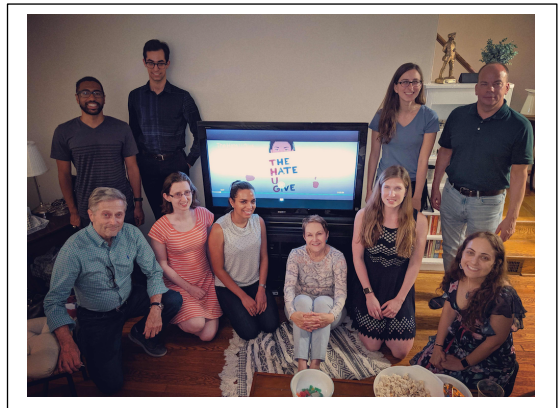
June 2019 Meeting:

***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**

On Monday, June 30, twelve members of the Book Club gathered to discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This Young Adult novel has appeared on many must-read lists since 2017, as it grapples with themes of police violence, the Black Lives Matter movement, racial and socio-economic inequalities, and modern teenage friendships. Our group discussion dove into the author's depiction of the daily lives of characters of different races/ socio-economic statuses, and the accessibility of her storytelling to a younger audience. In general, we felt the novel presents tough, complex issues well, if somewhat simplistically for certain characters and motivations.

Most recent: July 15th- Movie Viewing Tie-In for *The Hate U Give*

On Monday, July 15, members of the Book Club gathered at my home to watch the movie depiction of this Fiction selection. Because so much of the book is about individuals' interpretations of the central shooting incident, we were eager to see how the incident is portrayed visually in the movie.



In addition to our two meetings in May, we concluded our biannual voting cycle, formally selecting the six books that will comprise our Fall 2019 (July-December) DCPBK Book Club series. The voting cycle begins when members who've attended in the last six months are asked to submit recommendations across our three categories of Fiction, Nonfiction, and Classics. Our coordinator then compiles all suggestions and sends out for review to the same audience. Voting takes place by email and at the May meeting. We are thrilled to announce our upcoming roster below. Tie-in events are in the works, and events will be added accordingly to the DC PBK website when planned, so stay tuned!

Fall 2019 Book Club Selections

July 31, 2019: *Circe* by Madeline Miller, 393 pages

August 2019: ***White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*** by Robin DiAngelo, 169 pages
Bonus Mid-August 2019: ***Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"*** by Zora Neale Hurston, 193 pages
September 2019: ***The Three-Body Problem*** by Liu Cixin, 400 pages
October 2019: ***The Haunting of Hill House*** by Shirley Jackson, 208 pages
Bonus Mid-October 2019: ***Mrs. Dalloway*** by Virginia Woolf, 194 pages
November 2019: ***A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*** by Sonia Purnell, 368 pages
December 2019: ***The Dead*** by James Joyce (short story within the collection ***The Dubliners***, by Joyce, total collection 207 pages)

Note on Book Club Meeting-Attendee Cap

In order to ensure quality discussions, Book Club meetings are now limited to 18 attendees. Any more and meaningful group interaction becomes more difficult, even when split into smaller groups, and the restaurant that hosts us so graciously has asked us to cap it there. Please be sure to register early, and update your RSVP if you are later unable to attend, to make sure that everyone has a chance to participate.

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>, and contact **Kate Hannon** at bookclub@dcpbk.org with your comments or questions.

Donor Spotlight

Maurine Beasley, PBK 1958, University of Missouri Columbia

Why I Donated:

"I was inducted into PBK in 1958 at the University of Missouri Columbia. When someone from the university called my home to tell me I had been selected, my mother answered and said, "oh, there must have been a mistake!" I have been grateful to PBK ever since for making my family recognize me!

I contribute to PBK because I believe in the liberal arts as the foundation of the university experience, and I know they are getting crushed out these days.

I value the D.C. Association because it brings together interesting individuals of all ages who have intellectual interests. I have mentored a couple of fascinating young people."



About Donor Spotlight

The Association's causes are almost exclusively funded by member donations. Donor Spotlight is a way to recognize those who support us financially.

*Are you interested in being featured in the donor spotlight? **If you donate \$50 or more**, you will have the opportunity to be featured in an upcoming issue of our newsletter.*

To donate, please visit: <http://www.dcpbk.org/contribute>

Announcements

Welcome our new Associate Program Coordinator, Hunter Hamrick

Hunter Hamrick joins DC PBK as the new Associate Program Coordinator. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 2015 at the Florida State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs. Currently, Hunter works at the Structured Finance Association as a Policy Analyst. Previously he was a data consultant at JPI, where he worked with the United States Coast Guard on issues pertaining to cybersecurity and national defense. In his free time, Hunter enjoys board games, travelling, and exploring DC's theater scene.



Mentorship Network

The first cycle of the 2019 calendar year has come to an end. It was a great cycle with a record number of participants! The participants from this cycle can expect the directory and evaluation in their email in the next few weeks. We are gearing up for the next cycle now, with applications going out in mid-August and the cycle slated to start in late September. Any questions about mentorship can be directed to Rebecca DeSantis at mentorship@dcpbk.org.

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.

Second Vice President

The **2nd Vice President** is an officer on the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board, and is responsible for coordinating the association's monthly programming for general membership in collaboration with event sponsors. The 2nd Vice President is NOT responsible for overseeing the programming related to the Young Professionals network, the Book Club, or the Mentorship Program.

Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Attending quarterly meetings of the DC Area PBK Board, which typically occur on Saturdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Phi Beta Kappa National Headquarters Building.
- Coordinating monthly programs for general membership. Examples include tours of museums, historic houses, government buildings, and the like; lectures, and parties. In particular, the 2nd Vice President is responsible for helping to plan the four largest events for general membership every year: Key Connections in the fall, the Annual Holiday Party in December, the Spring Fling in April, and the Annual Meeting in June.

- Marketing and promoting monthly programs, which includes collaborating with the newsletter coordinator to populate the monthly newsletter with content, with the social media coordinator to publicize events on social media channels, setting up RSVP portals and event descriptions through the website, and drafting post-event summaries for the newsletter.
- Developing budgets, managing costs, and tracking payments for programs when necessary, and helping to arrange transportation/directions when necessary.
- Other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.

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 Fall meeting will be held in October from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., venue to be determined. 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](#).

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board

2019-2020 Officers

PRESIDENT: Breann Watt (University of California Riverside, 2011)
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Rebecca DeSantis (Washington College, 2015)
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR: *Vacant*
SECRETARY: Dan Rosenberg, (George Washington University, 2014)
TREASURER: Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

At-Large Executive Committee Members

Nina Kuo (Duke University, 2012)—Immediate Past President
Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)—Past President
Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor
Elizabeth Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)—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