



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Spring Luncheon: Dr. Mia Tuan: “UNITE:ED: The Challenge and Opportunity of Educating America’s Diverse Students”

Wednesday, May 10, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Students of color are changing the face of public schools, not only in Washington state but across the nation. The tremendous diversity they embody brings both joys and challenges to educators as they work to make learning come alive for all students. Join Dr. Mia Tuan, dean of the University of Washington College of Education, ranked #8 nationally, for a lively conversation about how her college is at the forefront of preparing and working with educators, leaders, policymakers, and scholars to make our state an incubator and model for best practices.

A respected scholar and long-time academic leader, Mia Tuan assumed the deanship of the University of Washington College of Education in 2015. She previously served as associate dean of the University of Oregon’s Graduate School, director of its Center on Diversity and Community, and director of its sociology department’s honors program. Tuan has won numerous academic awards, including the 2012 Western Association of Graduate Schools and Education Testing Services Award for Excellence and Innovation for Diversifying Graduate Education in STEM Disciplines.

Tuan’s research focuses on racial and ethnic identity development, Asian transracial adoption, and majority/minority relations. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles and three books, *Choosing Ethnicity*, *Negotiating Race: Korean Adoptees in America*; *Prejudice in Politics: Group Position, Public Opinion, and the Wisconsin Treaty Rights Dispute*; and *Forever Foreigners or Honorary Whites? The Contemporary Asian Ethnic Experience*.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 10, at the Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person and guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée you may select either grilled lemon herb chicken or spinach and roasted garlic tortellini (vegetarian). Please let us know of any special dietary requests.

Please make your reservation by Thursday, May 4, using the coupon in this newsletter or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payment-donations.html>. Guests are welcome.

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Guided tour of the Center for Wooden Boats

Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.
The Center for Wooden Boats
1010 Valley Street (South Lake Union), Seattle

Please join us for a guided tour of the Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) in the South Lake Union area of Seattle. The tour will be given by PSA-PBK member Elsie Hulsizer and CWB staff. The tour of CWB's campus will include the boathouse, including the gallery and gift shop; the boatbuilding shop; the floating docks; and the boats in Waterway 4 (next to Lake Union Park), and the under-construction Wagner Education Center in the park.

During the tour, CWB representatives will describe their operations, including their youth programs, their job skills programs, and their adult maritime skills programs. Learn more by looking through the CWB's 2017 program catalog at <http://cwb.org/classes/program-catalogue/>. The guides will also briefly describe their operations at Cama Beach State Park and North Lake Union.

After the tour, you can enjoy renting a boat to explore Lake Union. This tour is appropriate for families with children, and guests are welcome.

The tour is free; however, donation boxes are on site if you would like to make a donation to support the programs of the Center for Wooden Boats.

South Lake Union has great public transit access. For information about parking and transit, visit <http://cwb.org/locations/south-lake-union/>. Please RSVP to Linda Willenberg if you plan to attend at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Solomon Katz Distinguished Lectures in the Humanities at the University of Washington

Lorraine Daston: "Algorithms Before Computers: Patterns, Recipes, and Rules"

Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Kane Hall 210, University of Washington, Seattle
This lecture is free and open to the public.

Lorraine Daston is director of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin and visiting professor of social thought and history at the University of Chicago. A widely respected historian of science, Daston has published on the history of probability and statistics, wonders in early modern science, the emergence of the scientific fact, scientific models, objects of scientific inquiry, the moral authority of nature, and the history of scientific objectivity.

Her recent books include *How Reason Almost Lost Its Mind: The Strange Career of Cold War Rationality* (co-editor, 2014), *Histories of Scientific Observation* (co-editor, 2011), and *Objectivity* (with Peter Galison, 2010). Her current projects include the relationship between moral and natural orders and the emergence of Big Science and Big Humanities in the context of 19th-century archives.

Daston is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the recipient of the Pfizer Prize and Sarton Medal of the History of Science Society, the Schelling Prize of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, the Lichtenberg Medal of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences, the Luhmann Prize of the University of Bielefeld, and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Princeton University. She earned a B.A. and Ph.D. in the history of science from Harvard University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Docent tour of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

Sunday, April 30, 1:45 p.m.
2525 S. 336th Street, Federal Way

The mission of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden is conservation and propagation of, and education about, the genus *Rhododendron*.

The 24-acre garden was established in 1975 by the Rhododendron Species Foundation. The rhododendrons and companion plants here have been collected by botanists (collecting tiny cuttings and seeds) from all around the Northern Hemisphere. With about 750 species (and growing), this is the largest collection in the world. They have many plants on the ICUN endangered species list. There are so many yet to record that the University of Melbourne is now recording for them.

If you are not familiar with the species, you may be surprised to find that they range from alpine to tropical. There are alpine species with little ½-inch-long leaves, and rhodies that get to be 100 feet tall in Nepal, with leaves as long as your arm. In the conservatory, you will see rhodies from places like Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. We will meet at 1:45 p.m. in front of the conservatory. (It is the big glass roof you see in the distance when you go through the garden gate.) For more information and directions, visit <http://rhodygarden.org>. Please make your reservation by April 26 using the attached coupon or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payment-donations.html>. Guests are welcome.

Support for the humanities and the arts

The recently released blueprint for the new federal budget calls for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Phi Beta Kappa helped found the NEH over 50 years ago and steadfastly supports its mission to serve and strengthen our nation by promoting excellence in the humanities and opening new worlds of learning for the American public.

Institutions, educational programs, and arts organizations throughout the Puget Sound area have benefited from the NEH and NEA for over half a century.

You can show your support for these key agencies by contacting your elected officials, and sharing your concerns.

I would also like to encourage you to participate in and attend events at our institutions and arts venues, including museums, theatre, symphony, opera, and ballet.

Thank you.

Linda Willenberg, president

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Pathfinder Awards

Each year at our spring luncheon we honor individuals, businesses or institutions with our Pathfinder Award. The award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key—a hand pointing to the stars. It honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. These awards will be presented at our luncheon on May 10, 2017.

Teens in Public Service for producing future leaders committed to their communities by connecting teens with life-changing opportunities and internships at non-profit organizations. In the last 20 years Teens in Public Service has employed nearly 1,000 teens, who have worked over 200,000 service hours in more than 150 non-profit organizations.

League of Women of Women Voters of Seattle–King County and Starbucks Coffee Company for sponsoring Ballots and Baristas at six Starbucks locations in King County on November 1. Attendees were given a sample ballot with a postage stamp to mail their ballot, and had the opportunity to discuss important ballot initiatives with their neighbors.

T. Kieran O’Mahony, Ph.D., of the **UW Life Center** and **ICNtl, LLC**, for his work on the Synap2Brane methodology and software, which is a neuroscience-based teaching and learning methodology. O’Mahony has worked tirelessly to “teach the teachers” how to apply Synap2Brane in their classrooms, working with 1,500+ teachers while he continues to seek funding to develop the software. ICNtl seeks to foster a supportive, healthy learning environment that recognizes all students learn at different rates with different levels of support.

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Terry Jankowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Phyllis Becker Williams, assistant treasurer.

Other board members include Dennis Adler, Sandra Andrews-Strasko, Norman Arkans, Vivian Chun, Judith Crutcher, Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Margaret Palmquest, Edward Perrin, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, and Dennis Yamashita.

Non-board committee members include Joe Bruner, Joan Peterson, Sherry Rind, Mike Segawa, and Barbee Tucker-Pigott. Our administrative assistant is Amy Davis.

Our board members serve three year terms. We are currently seeking members like you to serve on our board of trustees for the term of July 1, 2017, through July 1, 2020. We also need members to serve on our committees to help plan activities, assist with our award programs, recruit new members and assist with electronic communications.

Please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606 if you would like to be considered for a position on the board of trustees or if you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee.

High School Book Awards

In February we announced our 2017 High School Book Awards. Many schools have already responded and selected a graduating senior to receive our book award. This award recognizes academic excellence and introduces graduating seniors to Phi Beta Kappa’s core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility.

Thank you for your continued membership in PSA-PBK and for your contributions which fund our High School Book Awards, as well as our other awards and scholarships.

We need Phi Beta Kappa members like you to present the books at the schools’ award ceremonies. If you would like to volunteer or would like additional information about the program, please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Thank you to our donors

The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their generosity. Their contributions support our undergraduate and graduate scholarships, our High School Book Awards, our Humanities Achievement Awards, our Pathfinder Awards, and speakers and events throughout the year.

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News from the UW Alpha Chapter

The University of Washington Phi Beta Kappa chapter held its 2017 Winter Reception on February 23. Jana Mohr Lane, the founder and director of the Center for Philosophy for Children, spoke about her innovative work teaching children in schools about philosophy. This quote from the center's website (<http://depts.washington.edu/nwcenter/>) is a good summary of its approach: "When children are introduced to philosophy, they learn to trust their own ideas and questions. It is an intellectual adventure for young people to discuss in a structured classroom environment the deep questions that matter to them."

Reception guests, which included students, UW staff and faculty, PSA-PBK members, and community members, were intrigued by Mohr Lane's talk and followed up with several questions. Guests enjoyed refreshments and informally meeting and talking with each other.

In other news, the chapter has a new website at <http://www.washington.edu/uwpbk/>. The site incorporates the UW branding, logos, and colors and is built on the WordPress platform.

News from the UPS Delta Chapter

On Monday, March 6, 2017, the University of Puget Sound Delta Chapter hosted PBK Visiting Scholar Patricia C. Wright, Ph.D., Distinguished Service Professor of Anthropology, Stony Brook University. The title of her lecture was "Back from the Brink of Extinction: Saving Lemurs in Madagascar."

"Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world, is known as a 'treasure island' for nature lovers. Isolated for 150 million years from other land masses, the bizarre plants, extraordinary animals, and contrasting habitats in Madagascar are found nowhere else. Unfortunately, this rich paradise for biodiversity is under severe threat. Madagascar contains a quarter of all the wild primates in the world, yet according to the latest IUCN tally, 94% of the lemurs are endangered, critically endangered, or threatened, more than any other group of mammals. 95% of the forests have been burned and only 5% of the original habitats exist. The people are in trouble too. The World Bank reports that Madagascar is the 10th-poorest country in the world because of the loss of natural resources and bad governance. Saving the remaining nature and growing the forests back are a challenge.

"I describe a successful 30-year-old, truly integrated conservation and development project with a foundation in research. Accomplishing a 'conservation hub' including a national park, a modern research station (Centre ValBio), ecotourism, conservation education, improved health, reforestation with endemic trees, environmental arts, biodiversity science, and local businesses has improved the lives and well-being of people and wildlife around and in Ranomafana National Park. Protecting our distant relatives, Madagascar's lemurs, into the future, may offer genetic insights into medical solutions for human diseases including Alzheimer's, diabetes, cyanide poisoning, obesity, and osteoporosis. There are many reasons that the international community should preserve the living treasures of Madagascar."

Thank you to Dorsey and Whitney, LLP

The board of trustees of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa would like to thank Dorsey and Whitney, LLP, for graciously hosting our monthly board meetings. We appreciate your generosity and hospitality.

Scholarships offered by PSA-PBK

PSA-PBK supports education in several ways, including through direct financial support to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. Our two scholarship programs, one for undergraduates and one for graduate students, are named for inspirational former association board members. The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award is given annually to an outstanding student who is starting graduate or professional school at either UPS or UW. Candidates must be members of Phi Beta Kappa. The award is \$4,500 and the application due date each year is June 30.

The Gerald J. Oppenheimer Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded to UPS and UW undergraduates. Each spring, the schools invite a few students with very high GPAs to submit an application by writing a brief essay on the question "What book would you recommend to every college student?" We give \$2,000 scholarships to five students, one of whom is also selected to receive the additional \$400 Alvord award.

For more information, visit http://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html. Over the years, PSA-PBK members have generously supported the scholarship programs, and we thank you! Donations may be made online at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html>.



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**Spring Luncheon, May 10
(RSVP by May 4)**

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Spinach and roasted garlic tortellini (vegetarian) _____
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**Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
Tour, April 30 (RSVP by April 26)**

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Name(s) _____

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