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Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Fall Luncheon:

Dr. Lawrence Corey on “Developing an HIV Vaccine: Why Has Science Stumbled?”

Thursday, November 1, 11:45 a.m.
Red Lion Hotel Bellevue
11211 Main Street, Bellevue

For our Fall Luncheon on November 1 in Bellevue, Lawrence Corey, M.D., president and director of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, poses the question: “Developing an HIV Vaccine: Why Has Science Stumbled?” Dr. Corey writes:

As the 30th anniversary of the HIV / AIDS epidemic has come and gone, HIV remains a catastrophic public health concern. To date, no chronic sexually transmitted viral infection has been controlled on a population basis in democratic, mobile societies without a vaccine.... Why is it that the scientific community has responded so slowly to the call by civil society to develop an HIV vaccine?

Dr. Corey is superbly qualified to challenge us with answers. He has worked for over 20 years in researching and developing vaccines, and along with his leadership of the Hutch is principal investigator of an international collaborative network seeking to develop HIV vaccines.

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 1, at the Red Lion Hotel Bellevue, 11211 Main Street (entrance off 112th Avenue S.E.). Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30. The cost is \$32 per person; guests are welcome. Please make your reservation by Friday, October 26, using the attached coupon or at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html>.

Report from Phi Beta Kappa’s 43rd Triennial Council

Board member David Rose and President Linda Willenberg represented PSA-PBK at the Phi Beta Kappa Society’s 43rd Triennial Council held in Palm Beach, Florida, August 2 to 4, 2012. They had the opportunity to meet with delegates from college and university chapters and alumni associations, and share ideas for successful programs, awards, financial management, and membership recruitment and retention.

Dartmouth College’s Katherine Soule was elected PBK president, and Skidmore College’s Catherine White Berheide was elected vice president. Eleven senators were elected, including three from Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington: Zev Handel, Mary-Claire King, and Kathleen Woodward. Linda Willenberg was elected Western District chair, which includes chapters and associations in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Three new chapters were approved, at Creighton University, George Mason University, and Oklahoma State University.

The 44th Triennial will be held October 8 to 10, 2015, in Denver, Colorado.

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UPS Phi Beta Kappa Magee Address

Tuesday, October 2, 4:30 p.m.

Trimble Forum, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma

Free and open to the community

Professor Katherine Smith, Department of History

Love, War, and Prophecy in the Twelfth Century: How Medieval Historians Tackled the First Crusade

After the decimated, starving armies of the First Crusade conquered the holy city of Jerusalem in 1099, learned Europeans rushed to chronicle what they saw as a miraculous victory to end all victories. Over the next 20 years, more than a dozen histories of the First Crusade were written, making it one of the best-documented events of the whole medieval period. Modern historians have used these texts to reconstruct the military, political, and spiritual dimensions of the expedition in meticulous detail. My talk will take a different approach, reconstructing the interpretive processes by which these chroniclers transformed the First Crusade from lived experience to memory to written history.

In these works, we can see medieval historians struggling to understand an event that defied traditional historical methodologies and called for a new kind of interpretive language, one capable of explaining a venture that seemed to fulfill ancient prophecies and reveal the hand of God at work in the world. Techniques borrowed from exegesis, the art of identifying multiple layers of meaning in the language of the Bible, proved especially helpful to the medieval historians of the First Crusade as they sought to understand the crusaders' victory. Paying attention to how biblical language and exegetical methods shaped these European histories of the crusade gives us a fresh vantage point from which to re-read some of the most intensively studied of all medieval texts, and helps us better understand the historical reception of one of the most significant events of the Middle Ages.

Finally, although my project is rooted in the world of the late 11th and early 12th centuries, it brings us face to face with some timeless challenges related to the practice of history: How can we evaluate major historical events without the benefit of chronological distance? Is it possible for historians to avoid imposing their own (modern) agendas on sources from earlier time periods? And what role, if any, should moral judgment play in our interpretation of the past?

The Magee Address was established in honor of John B. Magee, professor of philosophy and religion and a driving force in establishing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Puget Sound in 1986.

Your board of trustees and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Gerald Oppenheimer, vice president; Myra Lupton, secretary; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Tiffany Tran, assistant treasurer; Benjamin Lukoff, electronic communications coordinator.

Other board members include Aspasia Bartell, Vivian Chun, Judith Crutcher, Kate Gunsul, Joe Janes, Karrin Klotz, Lisa M. Marchese, William T. Mari, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, David Rose, Amy E. Ryken, and Dennis Yamashita.

Individuals who are not on the board but serve on committees include Greta Austin, Chuck Goldstein, Carol Goodall, and Wilson O'Donnell.

Meet new board member Tiffany Tran

Tiffany Tran was a 2008 Phi Beta Kappa initiate. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Washington in 2009 with a degree in accounting and finance and a certificate of international studies in business. She earned her master's in professional accounting the following year, and is currently working as a CPA at Seattle public accounting firm Bader Martin, P.S. During her time in college, she was involved with a number of organizations, and served as an officer in the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity.

Nowadays, she enjoys reading, traveling, and volunteering in the community. If pressed, she will admit that her other passions include desserts, dollhouses, and anything miniature.

Tour of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center

Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m.
440 5th Avenue N., Seattle

Please join us for a 90-minute hosted tour of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center, including exhibits of the work they support to give all people a chance to live healthy and productive lives, and a showcase of innovations and progress on some of the world's toughest challenges. After the guided tour, participants will have a chance to explore additional exhibits on their own and view a series of short videos about the Gates Foundation.

Parking is available under the Gates Foundation building for \$10. Enter at either 5th Avenue and Harrison Street or 5th Avenue and Republican Street. Paid parking is also available on the street. Metro bus routes 3, 4, and 16 stop near the front of the building at 5th Avenue and Mercer Street. The Monorail also stops nearby at Seattle Center.

After the tour, participants may want to walk to Seattle Center and have lunch at the Seattle Center Armory/Center House or visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass museum on their own.

There is no charge for the Gates Foundation tour, but please RSVP so that we know you plan to attend. Email president@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606.

Volunteer with the UW Dream Project

Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4
University of Washington, Seattle

Can you spare a few hours in November? The Dream Project is looking for your help!

The Dream Project is a student-initiated, student-led program that partners UW students with first-generation and low-income students from local high schools as they navigate the college-admissions process. On November 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Dream Project will be hosting its annual Admissions Workshop Weekend on the UW campus. More than 700 high-school students will come and receive help with their college applications. Students will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with mentors and writing tutors, who will provide support as students craft quality applications and essays. In the past, writing tutor volunteers have found witnessing and supporting students' accomplishments very rewarding. The project would love to have some Phi Betes volunteer. Members of all ages would be most welcome.

For further details or to sign up, please visit
<https://dreamsis.org/rsvp/event/879> and <https://dreamsis.org/rsvp/event/880>.

High School Book Awards

As part of our High School Outreach Program, PSA-PBK presented 145 books to outstanding high school seniors throughout the Puget Sound area in the spring of 2012. Each book had a nameplate with the student's name and the name of their school handwritten in calligraphy. The program introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and its values, and recognizes the students for their academic achievement. Principals, faculty and staff at the participating high schools select graduating seniors who best exemplify the values of Phi Beta Kappa.

For additional information, please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Tour of King Tut Exhibit

Saturday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.

Pacific Science Center

200 2nd Avenue N., Seattle

This is your last chance to view treasures from King Tut's tomb and from some of the most important rulers throughout 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. "Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs" brings more than 100 objects to the Pacific Science Center. Seattle is the last stop on this final tour, after which these objects will not leave Egypt.

We have scheduled a group tour for 9:30 a.m. on November 17. The cost is \$28 for ages 16 to 64, \$25 for those over 64, \$17 for ages 6 to 15, and \$16 for ages 3 to 5. Advance reservations are required to hold our tour positions, and must be received by October 15, with a check payable to Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. If you are a member of the Pacific Science Center and wish to receive the member rate, you will need to call (206) 443-2924.

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the north main entrance of the Pacific Science Center (*not* the Denny Way entrance). We will enter the exhibit at 10 a.m. There is no docent, but for \$6 you can rent an audio guide narrated by Harrison Ford, which covers many of the objects in the exhibit. Once you are in the exhibit, you can stay as long as you wish; however, re-entry will not be permitted after exiting the gallery. There are no restrooms in the exhibit building. Backpacks are not allowed inside the exhibition, and flash photography is also prohibited.

After the self-guided tour, participants can gather at the Seattle Center Armory/Center House for a no-host lunch and discussion of the exhibit.

For further information on the exhibit, visit <http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org> or contact Carol Goodall at (206) 284-1725 or rgoodall@earthlink.net, or Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 or linda@willenbergs.com.

Message from your president

It is my honor and privilege to continue to serve as your president. I want to express my appreciation to all of the members of the board of trustees for their diligence in managing our funds; administering our scholarship and award programs; planning intellectual, cultural, and social activities; and recruiting new members.

I also want to thank all of you for your continued membership and support of our association. Your generous contributions fund our scholarship and award programs and our events. This year we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary. If you know Phi Betes who are not already members of PSA-PBK, please invite them to attend our activities and encourage them to join. Membership information and applications are available at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/members.html>. Prospective members can also contact me at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Submit your nominations for our 2013 Pathfinder Awards

At our Spring Luncheon we will have the opportunity to honor individuals, businesses, and organizations with our Pathfinder Award. The award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key — a hand pointing to the stars — and is awarded to those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. Most of all, it recognizes those who engage in the process of unfolding the unknown, aware that the consequences of the journey itself are truly beyond the imagination.

Do you know an individual, business or organization that you believe should be considered for our Pathfinder Award? Please take the time to submit a nomination, so that their work will not go unrecognized. Nomination forms are available at http://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html. If you would like a nomination form mailed to you, please call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606. Nominations should be submitted by January 1, 2013.

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 Pathfinder Awards, and speakers and events throughout the year.

The following donations were made during our membership year 2011–2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

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Undergraduate scholarships awarded for 2012–2013

Thanks to your donations and dues payments, we were able to award scholarships of \$1,800 each to the following five University of Washington undergraduate students with financial needs: Taylor Applegate (Law, Societies & Justice and Political Science), Llyra de la Mere (Art), Joanne Hsu (Neurobiology), Janelle White (American Ethnic Studies and History), Morgan Wright (Community, Environment & Planning and Environmental Science & Resource Management).

Because her essay was judged by the committee the most outstanding, Janelle White was named the Ellsworth C. Alvord, Jr. Scholar for the academic year 2013, which entitled her to receive an additional \$360. The late Dr. Alvord, a member of PSA-PBK, was an outstanding physician, scientist, philanthropist, and humanitarian who dedicated his life to medical research and support of the local arts and sciences.

We wish all of them great success in their future academic endeavors.

2012–2013 Stiefel Graduate Study Award

We support new graduate students who are members of PBK with the Stiefel Graduate Study Award. Ernest R. Stiefel was our longtime treasurer and board member. To be eligible to receive the Stiefel Award, a student must be beginning graduate or professional study at the University of Puget Sound or the University of Washington in addition to being either an Alpha or Delta chapter member. The amount of the award varies from year to year; for 2012, the PSA-PBK trustees allocated \$4,000. The award committee is reviewing applications in August and will make its recommendations to the trustees at the September meeting. The winner or winners (two students can share the \$4000), will be announced at http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html.

Your membership committee

During the past year, your membership committee focused on increasing our membership. This is an ongoing process of not only publicizing the mission of PSA-PBK but also in identifying benefits of membership.

Recruiting and retaining younger members

Several years ago, in an effort to recruit younger members, we granted free memberships to recently initiated Phi Betes. During this past year, we extended the free-membership period to three years from initiation. This resulted in a significant increase in new members, and our goal is to provide meaningful programs for these younger members so that they will want to renew when their gratis period is up. During the past 12 months, PSA-PBK sponsored two events specifically geared towards the younger members by focusing on subjects such as employment and meeting with University of Washington Provost Ana Marie Cauce. We also welcomed onto the board three new members who are within five years of their PBK initiation.

Membership survey

In the spring, we conducted our first membership survey, geared toward soliciting information regarding our membership as well as program ideas and feedback on past programs. The survey, designed to be completed in five minutes or less, had a phenomenal response rate, and valuable data were provided by respondents. Your membership committee will use this information to plan new programs or improve existing ones, which will enable us to be more responsive and relevant to our existing membership as well as potential members.

PSA-PBK 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Seattle Yacht Club

1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

The time to celebrate PSA-PBK's 60th anniversary is rapidly approaching! Our association's constitution was formally adopted on January 22, 1953. We are planning a celebration dinner for February 20, 2013, at the Seattle Yacht Club. We have invited John Churchill, secretary of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society, to be our speaker. Additional information about the dinner will be available in late 2012 at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/activities.html>.

Late in 1951, members of the Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington expressed an interest in forming an organization to be instrumental in raising scholarship funds. The best approach was thought to be the creation of a PBK association, principally for this very purpose. The effort was successful, and thus PSA-PBK came into being. (A history of our first 50 years is available at http://www.psa-pbk.org/our_history.html.)

The February event will give us an opportunity to honor past and current members and their contributions, to share memories of the past, and to express our thoughts about future directions. A committee is busily engaged in the planning effort and encourages you to join it. You may also wish to share photos with us of prior events. In either case, please contact Linda Willenberg, our president, at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Thank you, Dorsey & Whitney

The PSA-PBK board of trustees would like to express its appreciation to the Seattle office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP for graciously hosting our monthly board meetings in their conference room. We appreciate your hospitality and the beautiful view of Seattle.

Coupon



Gates Foundation visit, October 13

Number of attendees ____@ no charge

Fall Luncheon, November 1 (RSVP by October 26)

Bing cherry chicken____

Baked spinach lasagna (vegetarian) ____

Number of attendees @ \$32 ____

Guest name(s)_____

King Tut visit , November 17 (RSVP by October 15)

Number of attendees ____@ varied prices

Name(s) _____

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Alpha, University of Washington

The Alpha chapter invited 378 students to join PBK this year. Many of them were able to attend the initiation ceremony held on June 5. The ceremony began at the Gerberding Hall bell tower, carved with depictions of the Phi Beta Kappa key. Everyone then proceeded across Red Square to Kane Hall, accompanied by a chain ringing of the Gordon Stuart Peek Foundation Memorial Bells. Professor Robert Stacey, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spoke on "Learning and Learnedness." Following the formal initiation ceremony, each of the new members came forward to sign the roll book. They were later welcomed at a reception in the Walker-Ames Room.

Delta, University of Puget Sound

In April, 51 members of the University of Puget Sound Class of 2012 and one member of the Class of 2013 were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at an evening ceremony at the president's house. Students and Delta Chapter faculty attended a celebration luncheon with university trustees and President Ronald Thomas during Commencement Weekend in May. Delta Chapter Vice President Julie Christoph, associate professor of English, gave the celebration toast, and seniors Amanda Nicol and Marcus Luther each shared a reflection about a significant Puget Sound learning experience. In their comments, Nicol emphasized the importance of being flexible to change set goals and plans to engage meaningful learning experiences as they arise, and Luther described the importance of the Puget Sound learning community of students, faculty, and staff who collectively create a unique learning environment.



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