



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Spring Luncheon: Maria Coryell-Martin: “Expeditionary Art: Exploring Arctic Regions Through Art”

Thursday, May 12, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Our Spring Luncheon speaker this year is particularly exciting for two reasons. First, at 32 she is perhaps our youngest luncheon speaker yet; and second, her focus on arctic regions ties in beautifully with the tour of the *Arctic Ambitions* exhibit at the Washington State History Museum we took in February.

There is a rich history of artists accompanying explorers to document the natural and unfamiliar world. Expeditionary artist **Maria Coryell-Martin** will share her experiences continuing this tradition by painting polar and glaciated regions on modern expeditions with scientists.

Maria Coryell-Martin is a Seattle native and became an expeditionary artist following the tradition of traveling artists as naturalists and educators. She graduated from Carleton College in 2004 and received a Thomas J. Watson fellowship to explore remote regions through art from 2004–2005. Since then, she has worked with scientists, local communities, and travelers in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Antarctica.

In the field, Coryell-Martin sketches with ink and watercolor, and collects multimedia recordings to build her palette of place — a record of experience, climate, and color. This work becomes the basis for exhibits of large-scale studio and field paintings, as well as multimedia presentations and hands-on workshops for audiences of all ages to promote observation, scientific inquiry, and environmental awareness. Learn more at ExpeditionaryArt.com.

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Bellevue Botanical Garden docent tour

12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005
Wednesday, June 1, 11:00 a.m.

The Bellevue Botanical Garden is a 53-acre urban refuge of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands, and natural wetlands. The collections showcase plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest. We will meet at their visitor center at 11:00 a.m. After the tour, you will have the option of joining the group for lunch at a local Bellevue restaurant.

The tour is free; however, the garden does appreciate donations. You are welcome to bring guests. Parking is available just east of the garden on the south side of Main Street. Overflow parking is available east of the garden at the bottom of the hill at Wilburton Park. For additional information about the Bellevue Botanical Garden, please visit [Bellevue Botanical.org](http://BellevueBotanical.org). Please RSVP by May 25 to president@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606.

Guided Chocolate Tasting: Geography and Quality

With Sandra Andrews-Strasko
Sunday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.
Phinney Neighborhood Center
6532 Phinney Avenue N., Seattle

Sandra Andrews-Strasko is a chocolate blogger (ChocolateSpeak.blogspot.com) and has been a judge at international chocolate award competitions. She will provide a guided chocolate tasting, discussing growing regions and their influence on flavor. You will learn how to purchase quality chocolate bars and become a chocolate connoisseur!

Please join us to meet other local Phi Beta Kappa members and enjoy tasting chocolate. Guests are welcome. We will meet at the Phinney Neighborhood Center. Parking is available in the two adjacent lots.

The cost is \$10 per person. Please make your reservation by May 27 using the attached coupon or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payment-donations.html>.

Save the date: Fall Luncheon, October 13, Seattle Yacht Club

Dr. David Domke: “America in Transformation: Race, National Identity, and the Presidency”

The United States is in a time of tectonic social change, comparable in transformation and turmoil to some of the most defining eras in the nation’s history. At the heart of this shift are two important aspects of race relations: demographic shifts and a renewed era of the civil rights movement. The 2016 presidential election will be vital to shaping where America goes.

Undergraduate scholarships

Thanks to your support of our program, we were able to maintain the amount of the five undergraduate scholarships for the academic year 2016–17 at \$2,000 each. An additional amount of \$400 will be awarded to the Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholar, whose essay will have been judged to be the best. Students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound who have a financial need and who have maintained a GPA of at least 3.8 are eligible. Requirements and application forms are posted at http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html.

Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award applications available

The annual Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award, named after our long-time treasurer and board member, is again available to students who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa at either the University of Washington or the University of Puget Sound and who will be doing graduate work at either of these two institutions. Please visit http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html for the award announcement and application form. The deadline for applications is June 30.

Humanities Achievement Award

Our second Humanities Achievement Award was made to Professor Richard G. Salomon of the Department of Asian Languages and Literature at the University of Washington, where he is William and Ruth Gerberding University Professor. The award was given primarily because of his co-directorship of the Early Buddhist Manuscript Project, a joint enterprise of the University of Washington and the British Library. The work involves the decipherment of Gandhari-language birch bark scrolls, the earliest Buddhist literature extant, dating from the first century BCE. (Gandhari is a variety of Sanskrit.) The results will shed light on the early history of Buddhist culture. Professor Salomon is also general editor of the UW Series on Gandhara Manuscripts. He is a past president of the American Oriental Society, the oldest U.S. learned society devoted to a particular field of scholarship.

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 12.

PAIGE EDMISTON, for the innovative **Sidekick Collective**, a non-profit she founded to recognize high school students for their extraordinary efforts to make the world a better place and to provide seed money to carry their efforts forward as young adults.

OCEAN GROUP at the **Asian Counseling and Referral Center**, for its programs to teach children of Pacific Island heritage the languages, oral histories, dances, and songs of their ancestors, and helping them to gain confidence in their intellectual abilities.

High School Book Awards

In February we announced our 2016 High School Book Awards. Many schools have already responded and selected a graduating senior to receive a book. 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.

An essential part of the original planning for the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa in 1952 was the awarding of book prizes to high school students to encourage a love of learning. For many years, a dictionary was awarded, until the growing reliance on digitized references made this selection passé. Now, a board committee has the task of deciding upon an appropriate title each year.

Your annual dues and contributions also support scholarships, speaker honorariums, member events, and administrative costs.

Thank you for your continued membership in PSA-PBK and for your contributions which fund this and other parts of our program.

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 call her at (425) 641-1606.

Gerald J. Oppenheimer Fund for the Professional Development of Health Sciences Librarians

This is an endowed fund initiated through a gift from Nancy Blase, who retired from the UW Libraries in 2006, made in honor of Gerald (Gerry) J. Oppenheimer, former director of the Health Sciences Library. Blase, a former president of PSA-PBK, is delighted to honor Oppenheimer, PSA-PBK's current secretary, by investing in the knowledge and advancement of health sciences librarians.

The aim of this fund is to support the professional development of health sciences librarians, making it possible for them to provide exceptional service to the health sciences schools, including Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Pharmacy, Social Work, and Dentistry; the University of Washington Medical Center; and affiliated hospitals and clinics in the Puget Sound area. As an endowed fund, the impact of this gift and other donations to this fund will continue into the future and will provide access to conferences, training sessions, symposia and other opportunities for health sciences librarians to advance their knowledge. The decisions on distributions from this fund for professional development will be made by Tania Bardyn, Associate Dean of Libraries and Director of Health Sciences Library.

Please e-mail maliahw@uw.edu with any questions.

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

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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 Award, our Pathfinder Awards, and speakers and events throughout the year.

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The luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 12, at the Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle. Free parking is available in the adjacent lot. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30. The cost is \$35 per person and guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée you may select lemon chicken or spinach ravioli (vegetarian). Please let us know about any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by May 6 using the attached coupon or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payment-donations.htm>.

Alpha Chapter, University of Washington

Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Washington held its annual winter reception for Phi Beta Kappa members and Honors Program students on February 17 in the Petersen Room of the Allen Library. The featured speaker was Professor Daniel Chirot, the Herbert J. Ellison Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. Professor Chirot spoke about “A Looming Catastrophe: The Middle East, Africa, and Europe’s Crisis.” He discussed why there are so many refugees, why they seek to get to Europe, and why Europe has been unable to find a solution. As he said, “If nothing constructive is done to solve this, the consequences for Europe and the world will be dire.”

The chapter continues its quarterly review of student academic records and invites qualified students each quarter to membership in the society. Thanks to the generosity of the President’s office and various departments at the university, resources are made available to pay initiation fees for students receiving student financial aid.

The annual initiation ceremony is scheduled for June 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Red Square and moving to Kane Hall at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Walker-Ames Room at Kane Hall.

Your PSA-PBK board of trustees and committee members

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

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Non-board committee members include Carol Lee-Goodall, Barbee Tucker Pigott, Sherry Rind, and Paula Wilson.

Our administrative assistant is Amy Davis.

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**Spring Luncheon, May 12
(RSVP by May 6)**

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Name(s) _____

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by May 25)**

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Name(s) _____

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