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News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Spring Luncheon

Ruth Moon, Ph.D.: “Stories from the Field: Understanding Journalism Work in Rwanda”

Wednesday May, 15, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Ruth Moon has a Ph.D. in communications from the University of Washington. She studies journalists and the ways they incorporate competing pressures and values into their work, especially in authoritarian contexts where technological infrastructure is weak. Her award-winning research has been supported by grants from the University of Washington, the Boren Fellowship, and the Institute for Humane Studies. Her dissertation, which she completed in 2018, examines journalism in Rwanda. As a journalist, Moon has worked for *Christianity Today*, the *Rapid City Journal*, the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, and other news outlets, and she currently edits Seattle Pacific University’s magazine, *Response*. Moon will discuss her research in Rwanda and other East African countries, focusing on the ways Rwandan journalism has been shaped by social, political, and professional influences to take its current shape.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 15, at the Seattle Yacht Club. 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 entree you may select either lemon-herb chicken or butternut squash ravioli. Please let us know of any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by May 8, using the coupon in this newsletter or on our website, PSA-PBK.org.

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Docent tour of Tacoma Art Museum

Saturday, April 13, 10:45 a.m.
1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

Join us for a docent tour of the Tacoma Art Museum, focusing on the new Rebecca and Jack Benaroya Wing. Experience the diverse exhibitions that explore aspects and history of the studio art glass movement, including the Pilchuck Glass School. The exhibitions will include works from glass artists Debora Moore, Mary Van Cline, Martin Blank, and others.

Additional information about the exhibitions can be found at TacomaArtMuseum.org.

We will meet at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, in the lobby of the Tacoma Art Museum. The cost is \$12 per person, and guests are welcome. Paid parking is located under the building and also at the Union Station Courthouse parking lot next door.

You can also park for free at Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Station and take Link light rail to the Union Station Courthouse.

After the tour, you may want to enjoy lunch at the Museum's café.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10, either by mailing a check to PSA-PBK at P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA, 98115, or online at PSA-PBK.org.

Lake Hills Greenbelt nature walk

Saturday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.
15416 S.E. 16th Street, Bellevue



Please join us for a nature walk through forests, wetlands, and a blueberry farm, passing by streams, Larson Lake, community gardens, and produce stands. Along the trail are informative signs regarding the glacial history of the area, early Japanese berry farmers, wetlands restoration, and current vegetation. Your family and friends are welcome to join us. The trail is flat, and you are welcome to bring children, including those in strollers.

There is a small parking lot just west of the flower/produce stand on the northwest corner of the intersection of 156th Avenue S.E. and S.E. 16th street. There is a larger Lake Hills Greenbelt parking lot just west of the small parking lot. We will meet in the larger parking lot near the community gardens at 9:30 a.m.

For additional information about the Lake Hills Greenbelt, visit <https://s.coop/22bxv>.

After the walk we can meet for coffee at a local café.

Please RSVP to president@psa-pbk.org.

You are invited to join the new PSA-PBK Facebook group

PSA-PBK invites you to join our new Facebook group! The group welcomes all PBK members, from those who have just arrived in the Puget Sound area to those who have been members of PSA-PBK for decades.

We hope that this Facebook group will give members a variety of means to connect with one another. For example, we encourage members to share events that they are interested in attending, share their personal interests, or simply connect with other members socially. Also, the group's administrators will regularly post events hosted by PSA-PBK, and will post information about job opportunities from time to time.

Although we hope that members will actively participate in the group, it is certainly not required. Those who are so inclined are encouraged to notify the group of events, comment on posts, and organize get-togethers with other members. But we also welcome those who are looking for a resource to learn about events or see what other PBK members are up to around the Puget Sound area.

If you are interested in joining, please go to tinyurl.com/psapbk-fb and request to join the group. We look forward to having you. (Please note that this group is different from our Facebook page, facebook.com/PSAPhiBetaKappa, and that following/being a member of one does not automatically sign you up for the other.)

PSA-PBK's scholarship program

From its beginning in 1953, PSA-PBK has aimed to promote high scholarship among students in the Pacific Northwest. The high school book awards program was the first effort, continuing to this day. In 1969, the association began awarding scholarships to undergraduate students and in 2000, this was extended to graduate students. The foundation for these awards is the generosity of association members.

Today, the Oppenheimer Undergraduate Scholarship committee considers applications from the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound (the two institutions in the Puget Sound area which have PBK chapters.) To be invited to apply, students must have a very high GPA. They then each write an essay on the question "What book has influenced your college career most, and why?" PSA-PBK typically awards four to five \$2,000 Oppenheimer scholarships. The committee's recommendation is discussed and approved by the board in June and students receive the funds for use in the following academic year.

The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award is given to a new graduate/professional student who is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa from either the UPS or UW chapters. Applicants write a letter describing their education and career goals; financial need; and work experience and significant personal adversity, economic disadvantage, or disability, if applicable. (Stiefel Award documents are available on PSA-PBK's website in the spring.) The committee reviews applications and makes its recommendation to the board in early fall; the funds are then made available to the awardee for the upcoming academic year. Currently, the award is \$4,500.

The committees for the Stiefel and Oppenheimer awards include both PSA-PBK board members and non-board members. Their dedication, along with the financial support of association members, serve to continue PSA-PBK's successful scholarship programs.

Pathfinder Awards

Each year at our spring luncheon we honor individuals, businesses, and/or institutions with our Pathfinder Award. The award reflects the imagery on our Phi Beta Kappa keys — 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. The following three groups will be honored with this Pathfinder Award at our spring luncheon on May 15, 2019:

Redeeming Soles for collecting and cleaning shoes and then donating them to underprivileged men, women, and children, enabling and encouraging them to overcome adversity.

Garfield High School English teacher Adam Gish for using his own funds and funds from anonymous donors to take 100 Garfield High School students to Elliot Bay Book Co. to purchase books. Each student had a \$50 gift card, to which the store added a 20% discount. Many students had never been to a bookstore or owned a book of their own.

The Globe Reads for promoting empathetic and social engagement through shared reading and e-discussion by connecting middle/high school students from diverse cultures, cross sections of society, and countries.

High School Book Awards

In February we announced our High School Book Awards for 2019. This award recognizes academic excellence and introduces graduating seniors in the Puget Sound area to Phi Beta Kappa's core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. In 2018, the book we selected for our awards was *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. This year we selected *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

We need Phi Beta Kappa members to present the book awards to selected graduating seniors throughout the Puget Sound area. If you would like to volunteer to present book awards or would like additional information about our book awards program, please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Thank you for your continued membership in the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. Your dues and contributions fund our High School Book Awards, as well as our other awards and scholarships.

News from the Washington Alpha Chapter

The annual winter reception hosted by the University of Washington chapter was held on March 5 in the Allen Library on campus. The event featured three distinguished faculty members from the Center for Digital Arts and Experimental Media (DXARTS): Richard Karpen (professor, DXARTS and director, School of Music), Thomas Deuel (neurologist and acting assistant professor, DXARTS), and Juan Pampin (professor and director, DXARTS). PBK members and invitees and their guests engaged with the panel in discussions about music and the brain.

The chapter will initiate members who joined PBK in the 2018–2019 academic year on Wednesday, June 12. Thaisa Way, UW professor of landscape architecture, will be the speaker. New members and their families and friends will celebrate at a reception following the formal ceremony.

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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Increasing your involvement in PSA-PBK

Thank you for your membership in the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. There are many ways that you can increase your involvement in our alumni association.

- Attend one of our upcoming events and meet other Phi Beta Kappa members.
- Recommend an educational, cultural, or social event, and consider helping plan the event.
- Recommend a speaker.
- Volunteer to serve on one of our committees. We could use assistance with the following:
 - ◊ Electronic communications — including website maintenance and social media
 - ◊ Membership — helping to recruit new members and board members
 - ◊ Activities — planning activities
 - ◊ Pathfinder and Humanities Achievement Awards
 - ◊ Development — developing fundraising strategies for our scholarships

Please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or call her at (425) 641-1606 for additional information.

President's message

Spring is an exciting time for the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The 290 Phi Beta Kappa chapters at colleges and universities review the academic records of liberal arts and sciences majors. The top 10% are invited to join Phi Beta Kappa in either their junior or senior year. This is also a good time for you to reflect on your own induction into Phi Beta Kappa, and the value of a liberal arts education. Wear your Phi Beta Kappa key if you have one.

There are also 50 Phi Beta Kappa alumni associations around the country, including the Puget Sound Association. We offer 3 years' free membership to new Phi Beta Kappa members. If you know someone who is being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this spring, please congratulate them, and invite them to join our Puget Sound Association, or an association near where they live.

Please review our website, PSA-PBK.org, and the website for the national Phi Beta Kappa Society, PBK.org, to learn more about what is happening with Phi Beta Kappa.

Linda Willenberg, president

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Terry Janowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Erin Stumbaugh, assistant treasurer.

Other board members include Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Derek Little, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Harrison Owens, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, Moira Tamayo, and Dennis Yamashita.

Non-board committee members include Dennis Adler, Joan Peterson, and Barbee Tucker-Pigott.

Amy Davis is our administrative assistant.



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**Spring Luncheon, May 15
(RSVP by May 8)**

Lemon-herb chicken _____
Butternut squash ravioli (vegetarian) _____
Number of attendees @ \$40 _____
Name(s)

I would like to pay for a Pathfinder recipient
@ \$40 _____

**Tacoma Art Museum Tour, April 13
(RSVP by April 10)**

Number of attendees @ \$12 _____
Name(s)

DUES (Please check mailing label to see
if your dues have expired)

_____ \$40 Regular
_____ \$75 Sustaining
_____ \$125 Patron
_____ \$250 Key

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\$ _____ **Spring luncheon (\$40)**
\$ _____ **Museum Tour (\$12)**
\$ _____ **Scholarship fund**
\$ _____ **Stiefel Graduate Award**
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