



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Spring Luncheon: Michael Zimmerman: “Should Education Be About Preparing for a Job... or a Life? Advocating on Behalf of the Liberal Arts Across the State”

Thursday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

The nature of the liberal arts is probably the most misunderstood facet of higher education today. Yet there is growing evidence that a liberal arts education is a critical factor in both employment and success of college graduates. In an attempt to reduce this confusion and to better educate the public and legislators about the value and power of the liberal arts, a group of educators have come together to form the Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts. WaCLA is an organization of two- and four-year public and private institutions of higher education, as well as non-educational partners, with the simple mission of promoting the value of the liberal arts to the people and communities of the state of Washington.

Dr. Michael Zimmerman is provost and vice president for academic affairs at The Evergreen State College. He received his Ph.D. in ecology from Washington University in St. Louis. As an ecologist, he has focused on plant–animal interactions, particularly those associated with pollination. He also has a professional interest in science literacy. As a columnist specializing in scientific and environmental issues, he writes for many newspapers and Web sites nationwide, including the Huffington Post. He has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Center for Science Education has honored him with their Friend of Darwin award.

His book, *Science, Nonscience, and Nonsense: Approaching Environmental Literacy*, was published in 1995 by John Hopkins University Press.

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 7, 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. The cost is \$35 per person; guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée, you may select either chicken piccata or Portobello mushroom napoleon (vegetarian). Please let us know about any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by May 1 using the attached coupon or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payment-donations.html>.

Orchestra students from Eckstein Middle School will share their love of music by performing for us at the luncheon.

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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 7.

Center for Children and Youth Justice, for its work with children in the foster care system, providing support in the areas of education, vocational training, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice.

George T. Cox, for his work with the Alexander Hamilton Friends Association, helping youth reach their highest personal and career potential through mentoring, training, and financial assistance.

Seattle Repertory Theatre, Education Department, for its wide variety of programs, including the Professional Arts Training Program, student playwriting programs, the August Wilson Monologue Competition, and SPEAK programs that encourage young adults to speak up about social issues through original theatre productions.

Humanities Achievement Award

In 2015, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa established its Humanities Achievement Award, to be bestowed on an individual or organization judged to have contributed outstanding work in the humanities.

Our Humanities Achievement Award will be presented at our Spring Luncheon to **Speight Jenkins**, for advancing the cultural life of the Pacific Northwest through education and performances of operas throughout his 31-year career as the general director of the Seattle Opera.

A winning combination: Dim sum lunch and Kubota Garden tour

Sunday, April 26, 1 p.m.
Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant
9400 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle



Start the afternoon off right with a delicious, no-host dim sum lunch with fellow culinary-aficionado Phi Betes. We meet at 1 p.m. at the Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant, 9400 Rainier Avenue S. (parking lot adjoins restaurant). The garden tour begins at 2:45 p.m. at Kubota Garden, 9817 55th Avenue S. (on the corner of Renton and 55th Avenues S.; enter parking lot on 55th). Kubota Garden is a unique blend of eastern and western gardening styles, featuring waterfalls, ponds, red bridges, pruned pines, Japanese maples, and a wonderful collection of plants. The tour is approximately 1½ hours and is free; donations to Kubota Garden are welcome. Meet at the landing spot (bus load zone) in the parking lot.

We invite you to attend both lunch and tour; however, if you prefer, you may attend either lunch or tour separately. We would appreciate RSVPs before April 20 for each event: e-mail activities@psa-pbk.org or call Vivian at (206) 325-1507 .

Job search/successful interviewing workshop

Thursday, April 30, 6 to 7 p.m.
UW Career Center, 134 Mary Gates Hall
University of Washington, Seattle



Interviews can be scary, especially when they include questions like the dreaded “tell me about yourself.” Learn how to prepare for and conduct interviews that get the job offer! This workshop addresses general preparation, researching companies, what to expect, and answering behavior-based and other tough, important interview questions. Be a standout to employers and tell them what they really want to know: how you are valuable to them! Leave feeling prepared to take on the interview world.

This interviewing workshop is being offered free of charge by the University of Washington Career Center. It is appropriate for anyone who wants to improve his or her interviewing skills, including mid-career professionals, recent university graduates, and current students.

The workshop will be held at the UW Career Center, 134 Mary Gates Hall, on the main Seattle campus (see a map at <http://www.washington.edu/maps/#!/mgh>). The Career Center is on the first floor, just off the Commons in the middle of the building. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to check in and pick up handouts for the workshop.

Paid parking is available in the Central Plaza Garage (entrance on the west side of campus at N.E. 41st Street and 15th Avenue N.E.), and also on nearby streets and parking lots.

Please RSVP to president@psa-pbk.org, or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 if you plan to attend this workshop.

Undergraduate scholarship applications available

Thanks to your support of our program, the association was able to maintain the size of the amount of the five undergraduate scholarships for the academic year 2015–16 at \$2,000 each. An additional amount of \$400 will be awarded to the Ellsworth C. Alvord, Jr. Scholar, whose essay has 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.

ΦBK Key of Excellence Award: Singing WaCLA's praises at McCaw Hall

On December 10, 2014, Phi Beta Kappa presented the Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts (WaCLA) with the Society's fourth Key of Excellence Award and its accompanying \$10,000 prize at an evening reception in Seattle. David Brewster (ΦBK, Yale 1961), editor-at-large of Crosscut.com and founder of Town Hall Seattle, Folio: The Seattle Athenaeum, and the *Seattle Weekly*, was the emcee for the celebration held at the Seattle Opera's state-of-the-art McCaw Hall.

Dr. Michael Zimmerman, provost and vice president for academic affairs at The Evergreen State College, accepted the award on WaCLA's behalf. The event also featured remarks from Washington state Representative Brady Walkinshaw (D–Seattle), *The Seattle Times* Publisher Frank Blethen, Institute for Systems Biology President Leroy Hood, WaCLA student essay winner Rebecca Korf, and Humanities Washington Executive Director Julie Ziegler.

“WaCLA truly brings together what many might see as unlikely allies to create positive change in the public dialogue about the liberal arts and sciences in communities throughout Washington,” said Phi Beta Kappa Secretary John Churchill. “We hope this spotlight inspires others to undertake similar collaborations in their states.”

WaCLA is an association of 40 Washington state public and private, two- and four-year higher education institutions and organizations promoting the value of a liberal arts education to the people and communities of the state. Successful recent projects include an employer–educator forum that brought together over 200 academic leaders, regional employers, and state legislators for purposeful discussion about the kinds of college learning experiences that prepare students for work, leadership, life, and citizenship; annual high school and undergraduate scholarship essay contests on the value of the liberal arts; and media outreach.

“To be recognized by an organization as prestigious as Phi Beta Kappa is an amazing honor,” said Zimmerman. “WaCLA's work promoting the value and power of the liberal arts meshes incredibly well with ΦBK's mission, and together we can demonstrate that the arts and sciences complement rather than detract from one another.”

Couldn't attend the reception? Visit <http://goo.gl/Ji1dt3> to enjoy video highlights from the event and <http://goo.gl/m9icw5> to see pictures.

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Delta Chapter, University of Puget Sound

ΦBK visiting scholar Dr. Caroline A. Bruzelius, the Anne M. Cogan Professor of Art, Art History, and Visual Studies at Duke University, visited the University of Puget Sound campus March 8–10. During her visit she hosted a fireside chat with students, visited several classes, offered a workshop for faculty members, and gave a public talk.

Her talk, “Art History and Digital Visualization,” was sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa’s Delta of Washington Chapter, the departments of Art and Art History, English, History, and Religion, and the Honors and Humanities Programs.

Bruzelius noted that man-made space is constantly in flux, and that objects, buildings, and cities exist in time and are always in a state of becoming. She and her students use digital tools to model building processes and changes over time. She highlighted that visual models stimulate imaginations and provide a space to project hypothetical ideas that help researchers visualize what complex structures might have looked like at different points in time. She emphasized that the 3-D models are approximations and should not be viewed as true representations. Her research and teaching inform museum exhibitions that seek to create interactions where viewers can consider how objects and buildings were viewed within in a context like a chapel or public space.

To learn more about digital art history and visual culture, visit <http://www.dukewired.org>.

Volunteers needed to present high school book awards

Each spring PSA-PBK awards personally inscribed books to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools in the 13 Puget Sound area counties. Our book awards program is one way we encourage and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. The program also introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and its values.

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.

Please keep in touch

Have you recently moved, or changed your telephone number or your e-mail address? Please let us know so that we can contact you. You can send your updated information to membership@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606. Please also notify Doris Lawrence at the national Phi Beta Kappa office at dlawrence@pbk.org or call (202) 265-3808.

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Spring Luncheon, May 7 (RSVP by May 1)

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Message from your president

I want to thank all of you for your membership in the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. Your dues and tax-deductible contributions support our scholarship and award programs and our member activities. At our Spring Luncheon we will be presenting our Pathfinder Awards and our new Humanities Achievement Award. In May and June we will recognize academic excellence by presenting selected graduating high school seniors in the 13-county Puget Sound area with our High School Book Awards. We will also be selecting recipients for our undergraduate scholarships and our E.R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award.

Would you like to recommend a speaker or member activity? You can send your suggestions to president@psa-pbk.org, or call me at (425) 641-1606.

Do you know other Phi Betes who have not yet joined PSA-PBK? Please encourage them to become members and attend our activities. Membership applications are available on our website, <http://psa-pbk.org>. I would also be happy to mail applications to Phi Betes interested in joining PSA-PBK.

Linda Willenberg, PSA-PBK president



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