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Upcoming Events

DCPBK Annual Meeting with Ambassador John Campbell on US Relations with Africa

This year's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Sunday, June 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at City Tap House Dupont. At 1250 Connecticut Avenue NW, it's just a few blocks south of Dupont Circle. You can learn more at www.dupont.citytap.com.

The close of the academic year is also the opening of the new Association year, and we mark the change with our **Annual Meeting**. We'll begin with a delightful luncheon featuring American food and craft beers, then proceed to a very short business meeting where we install officers and Executive Committee members of the Association, and then welcome our special speaker.

Our featured speaker, **Ambassador John Campbell**, is the Ralph Bunche senior fellow for Africa policy studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He will share with us his unique insights on "**The Importance of Africa to US Foreign Relations**," focusing on Africa's opportunities and potential for its citizens, the US, and the world—a topic of special interest in light of recent national discussions about Africa's place in US foreign policy.

Ambassador Campbell is the author of several books, including "*Nigeria: What Everyone Needs to Know*," which will be published this July. He also manages a daily blog, Africa in Transition, with up-to-date commentary on African issues on the CFR website: <https://www.cfr.org/blog/africa-transition>.

From 1975-2007, Ambassador Campbell served as a US Department of State Foreign Service officer, twice in Nigeria, as political counselor from 1988-1990, and as ambassador from 2004-2007. Campbell's additional overseas postings include Lyon, Paris, Geneva, and Pretoria. He also served as deputy assistant secretary for human resources, dean of the Foreign Service Institute's School of Language Studies, and director of the Office of UN Political Affairs. He looks forward to a lively Q&A following his talk.

To RSVP, please go to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/408>. Advance lunch payment of \$33.00 will secure seats for you and your guests. Online payment instructions are detailed on the Events page.

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Rescheduled—Jazz in the Garden now on Friday, May 25

Due to inclement weather, **Jazz in the Garden** with the YP network is now scheduled for Friday, May 25.

Join the YP Network for a beautiful (almost) summer evening at the first **Jazz in the Garden** concert on Friday, May 25th, 2018. **Jazz in the Garden**, one of Washington DC's signature summer events, takes place in the Sculpture Garden on the grounds of the National Gallery of Art from 5:00-8:30 p.m., and, as its name suggests, features live jazz music. The May 25 concert is entitled "Tony Craddock Jr. & Cold Front" (cool jazz)

Please feel free to arrive any time after 5:00, and to bring your own food/drinks (outside alcohol is prohibited, however).

More information will be sent prior to the event regarding where the group will be sitting. We look forward to seeing you soon! To attend, please RSVP via the event page on the DCPBK website by clicking [here](#).

Coffee with YP Network Leadership

New to DC? Interested in learning more about the city, the events we host, or just looking to meet new people? Members of the **YP Network** leadership are available to meet with Young Professionals who are new to the Washington, DC area for coffee. Please email Dan Rosenberg, YP Network Coordinator, at dmborg8@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a coffee meeting.

Upcoming Book Club Meetings

May: On Thursday, May 31, we will again meet at Nagomi Izakaya, to discuss the acclaimed novel, ***Never Let Me Go*** by Kazuo Ishiguro (Fiction, 288 pages). At the May meeting, attendees will also vote on fiction, nonfiction, and classic selections for our Fall 2018 DCPBK Book Club series (July-December).

The remaining selection for the spring series is:

June: ***The Satanic Verses*** by Salman Rushdie (Classic, 561 pages)

All DCPBK members are invited to attend, and to bring along any books you're looking to clean out, so that we can try to find new homes for them within the group.

Please contact **Kate Hannon** at bookclub@dcpbk.org with your comments or questions.

Recent Events

High School Awards Ceremony

On Saturday, May 12, DC Phi Betes gathered at the PBK Society headquarters for the annual **High School Awards Ceremony**, recognizing three outstanding high school seniors from Virginia, Maryland, and the District, and awarding them with a monetary scholarship to assist with their upcoming college tuition, as the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association has done each year since 1974. The honorees are chosen for

their sustained interest in the liberal arts and sciences, demonstrated love of learning, and civic responsibility.

You can find out more about the High School Awards and past recipients on our website, at <http://www.dcpbk.org/programs/high-school-awards>.



From Left to Right: Nina Kuo (President DC PBK); Award Winners: Sheyda Tribble, Sherry Xie, Laura Espinosa; Kat Sullivan (HS Awards Coordinator)

Miriam (“Mimi”) Hughes served as our featured speaker. For 32 years she was a member of the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State, and became the seventh U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia in 2007. In the Foreign Service, Ambassador Hughes built a diplomatic career by representing our country abroad in a variety of consular, policy, and management positions. In addition to fascinating insights on the Foreign Service, Mimi gave our award winners and other attendees helpful advice on “following one’s compass” when navigating life’s challenges and balancing competing priorities.

The three winners of this year’s Awards are:

Laura Espinoza lives in Rockville, MD and attends Montgomery Blair High School. She is a staff writer and ombudsman for the *Silver Chips* student newspaper, has served as team leader for the FIRST Robotics Competition Team, and was a research intern for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. She was a page for the Maryland House of Delegates and is active in the Keep America Beautiful Youth Advisory Council, Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth, and the Girl Scouts. She will attend Harvard in the fall, and plans to study both economics and Near Eastern languages and civilizations.

Sheyda Tribble lives in Washington, DC and is dually enrolled at School Without Walls and the George Washington University (GWU) Early College Program. On campus, Sheyda is an anchor on a political radio show for the student-run WRGW and an active member of GWU’s NAACP chapter. She is an active photo-grapher and poet, and recently self-published her own book of poems, *Adolescence: Poetry and Musings of a Young, Black Girl*. Sheyda volunteers at Last Chance Animal Rescue, DC Central Kitchen, and Martha’s Table. She will attend Northwestern University in the fall, majoring in economics and international studies.

Sherry Xie lives in Falls Church, VA, and attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST). Sherry is an accomplished artist, is active in many computer science initiatives, and is an outstanding athlete. She has served as a District Office Intern for Congresswoman Barbara Comstock and was an intern for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. In addition, Sherry has served as the TJHSST Student Government Associate Vice President (2017-18), Treasurer (2016-17), and Class Treasurer (2015-16). She will attend Harvard in the fall to study government, economics, and computer science.

As in the past, Book Club Coordinator **Kate Hannon** chose books for our winners based on their application and interests: gifts that add a personal touch to the monetary awards. **Laura Espinoza** received ***American Fire: Love, Arson and Life in a Vanishing Land***, by Monica Hesse, which is a highly sensitive depiction of life on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, with its many problems, including a series of seemingly unsolvable crimes. Kate's choice for **Sheyda Tribble** was ***White Teeth*** by Zadie Smith, a perfect fit for Sheyda's commitment to advocacy in the name of female empowerment and educational rights for underserved communities. Finally, **Sherry Xie's** gift was ***Snow Crash*** by Neal Stephenson, seen as a recent classic in the science fiction genre, which well matched Sherry's interest in artificial intelligence and the social implications of advanced technology.

April Book Club Meeting

On Wednesday, April 25, eight members of the group met to discuss ***The Autobiography of Malcolm X***, by Malcolm X as told by Alex Haley. Our conversation centered around Malcolm X's relationship with the larger Civil Rights Movement, including his criticisms of the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as the book's narrative arc and tone as influenced by Alex Haley. We shared reactions to Malcolm X's personal evolution over time, especially following his international trips to Muslim holy sites and to several African nations. Current events among DC residents dovetailed with Malcolm X's journey, as members discussed a controversial DC councilman associated with the modern-day Nation of Islam.



Announcements

Open Volunteer Positions

We are currently seeking applications for the following officer position: 2nd Vice President. Application materials should include a cover letter and a resume. Please send materials to volunteer@dcpbk.org.

2nd Vice President

The **2nd Vice President** is an officer of the DCPBK board, and is responsible for coordinating the Association's monthly programming for general membership, in collaboration with event sponsors. The 2nd Vice President is NOT responsible for overseeing the programming related to the Young Professionals Network, the Book Club, or the Mentorship Program. He or she is expected to attend the quarterly meetings of the board for the DC PBK Association. Other duties and responsibilities include;

- Coordinating monthly programs for general membership. Examples include tours of museums, lectures, and parties. In particular, the 2nd Vice President is responsible for helping to plan the

two largest annual events for general membership: the Annual Holiday Party in December, and the Spring Fling.

- Marketing and promoting the monthly programs, which includes collaborating with the newsletter coordinator to populate the monthly newsletter with content, with the social media coordinator to publicize events on social media channels, and setting up RSVP portals for events through the website.
- Developing budgets and managing costs for program when necessary, and helping to arrange transportation/directions when necessary.
- Other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.

Membership and Outreach Coordinator

The **Membership and Outreach Coordinator** is responsible for keeping in touch with current members and reaching out to potential new one. Responsibilities of the position include:

- Drafting email communications for distributing the monthly newsletter, and informing members of upcoming events using Vertical Response.
- Collaborating with board members and other volunteers to strategically develop communications about Association events and programs.
- Assisting the Association in maintaining a strong member base by: (1) sending out monthly notifications to those with expiring memberships; (2) monitoring event RSVPs and communicating with event attendees; and (3) coordinating with the Treasurer to communicate with new members who need to pay dues.

Mentorship Network Manager

The DCPBK Mentorship Network program focuses on connecting DCPBK Association members with one another, to not only share professional advice, but also to foster the intellectual curiosity that brings the Phi Beta Kappa community together at its core. Through structured one-on-one relationships between newer members and more experienced ones, the Mentorship Network aims to catalyze learning relationships, strengthening the personal and professional lives of individuals, and their connections to the Association.

The Manager's duties and responsibilities include:

- Reviewing applications and matching mentors with mentees
- Recruiting mentors and mentees for the program
- Organizing networking events for program participants and its alumni
- Creating and distributing newsletters for program participants
- Attending the quarterly DCPBK Board meetings and updating board members on the status of the program.

Mentorship Network Events & Communications Coordinator

The Mentorship Network team is also seeking an **Events & Communications Coordinator**. The Coordinator is responsible for designing a monthly newsletter for program participants and planning up to four networking events per year. This position is perfect for someone who wants to gain experience in external communications (and it's a lot of fun!). To learn more or apply for either of these positions, please send your resume and a statement of interest to Erica Hwang (kyuryung@gmail.com).

Fundraising Committee Members

In order to implement a new fundraising strategy, the DCPBK Association is looking for the following four roles to be filled (one person may fill more than one role, as appropriate):

- Individual who reaches out to donating members and posts/sends out perks as part of “perk-based member showcase campaign”
- One who can identify which LinkedIn features to employ for building “member exchange and networking platform”
- One who can identify which is the best highly-visible platform for presenting “large” donors, be it on the LinkedIn group, a separate email outlet, or the website’s main page (or a combination)
- Web designer to implement web features needed for the above steps.

Applicants should be members of DCPBK in good standing, and should have experience in outreach to community members, community engagement, utilization of social media platforms for outreach, and web-designing skills. If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit our website at www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions or send an email to volunteer@dcpbk.org.

Executive Board Meetings

The quarterly meetings of the DC PBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The winter meeting was held on Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue. All PBK members are welcome to attend.

Find Us on Social Media!

Please be sure to “Like” the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association page on Facebook to follow our updates! You can also find us on LinkedIn, and follow us on our Twitter page at @DCPhiBetaKapp.

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2018-2019

Please return this ballot page, no later than June 1, 2018 to:

President, DC PBK
3601 Fairfax Drive, Apt. 623
Arlington, VA 22201

Or, you may send your responses by email to: President@dcpbk.org

BALLOT

2018-2019 Executive Committee

Officers:

- ☐ **PRESIDENT:** Nina Kuo (Duke University, 2012), incumbent
- ☐ **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006), incumbent
- ☐ **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** VACANT
- ☐ **TREASURER:** Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969), incumbent
- ☐ **SECRETARY:** Dan Rosenberg (George Washington University, 2014), incumbent

At-large Executive Committee Members:

Vote for up to six.

- ☐ Liz Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)
- ☐ David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009), past President
- ☐ Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)
- ☐ Kate Hannon (Boston University, 2010)

I would like to vote for the following write-in candidate(s), for the office of:

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board

2017-2018 Officers

PRESIDENT: Nina Kuo (Duke University, 2012)
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR:
Sallie Dehler (University of Florida, 2011)
SECRETARY: Dan Rosenberg, (George Washington University, 2014)
TREASURER: Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

Executive Committee Members

Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor
David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009)—Past President
Elizabeth Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)—Immediate Past President
Kate Hannon (Boston University, 2010)—Book Club Coordinator
Erica Hwang (University of Hawaii, 2009)—Mentorship Program Manager

Advisory Council

Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)—Past Vice-President
Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President
Andy Steigman (Princeton University, 1954)—Past President