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Upcoming Events

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[Hope for America: Performers, Politics and Pop Culture](#)

When: Saturday, February 8, 2020, 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Where: Library of Congress: Thomas Jefferson Building--Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment, 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Join us at 12 P.M. on February 8 outside the Jefferson Building – for details, please message Hunter (hunter.hamrick@gmail.com).

[Sea Monsters Unearthed: Life in Angola's Ancient Seas](#)

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 12 P.M.

Where: Smithsonian National Museum of American History
1300 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20560

Join us for a tour of the exhibit – message Bailey (simonedebailey@gmail.com) for details!

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Upcoming YP Network Events

Undeterred by winter weather, the YP Network continues its lively program of events, including their “Jeopardy”—worthy trivia nights. See below to find out more.

Intramural Sports This winter the YP Network will be fielding an intramural soccer team, which will begin on February 12, alternating Mondays and Wednesdays at the University of DC gymnasium. If you would like to join as a sub or are interested in coming to a game to cheer us on, please email Dan Rosenberg at dberg8@gmail.com.

Please continue to check the newsletter for information about upcoming events in 2020, If you have any ideas or suggestions for events, please feel welcome to reach out to Dan Rosenberg at dberg8@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you are interested in receiving emails from the YP Network distribution list, please click “young professionals” as an interest on your profile in the DC PBK website. Information about upcoming events is usually sent out via this listserv before it makes it into the monthly newsletter.

Recent Events



Jingle All the Way 5K: On a fairly cold and crisp morning, two members of the YP Network participated in the annual Jingle All the Way 5K race around the Washington Monument and National Mall, sponsored by Pacers Running Company. Their DC Phi Beta Kappa Association pride was on display through the new t-shirts that they purchased!

Trivia Night: The YP Network returned to the Hawk 'n' Dove on Capitol Hill for their monthly trivia outing on December 17. Before the trivia began, they enjoyed some light refreshments and meeting one another. Ultimately, the group prevailed, earning first place and a gift certificate for \$25!



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Book Club News and Reviews

On a snowy Tuesday, January 7, 2020, thirteen members of the Book Club met to close out our 2019 series with a discussion of *The Dead*, by James Joyce. A classic described by some as the 'greatest' short story ever written, this work was a perfect introspective piece for the Book Club to reflect on, heading into the new year. Roughly half the group read the remainder of *Dubliners*, of which *The Dead* is the final story, and we were able to compare reactions to the singular narrative both as it stands alone, and as part of the full work as envisioned by Joyce. Many in attendance were long-time fans of the story, and were able to add context and greater meaning to those reading for the first time.



The Book Club will kick off its 2020 series on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Cafe Deluxe with a discussion of the nonfiction selection *The Witches: Salem, 1692* by Stacy Schiff. We voted on some true tomes for the Spring, with most clocking in at between 400-600 pages, so start reading early!

Book Club Selections for Spring 2020

Here are our spring selections. This round we're introducing a new International Author category, from which one monthly and one bonus book will be discussed this round. Happy reading!

- February: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates (Fiction, 403 pages)
- February Bonus: *Farewell My Concubine* by Lillian Lee, author from Hong Kong (International, 272 pages, with optional movie viewing tie-in)
- March: *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West* by Dee Brown (Classic, 509 pages)
- April: *Agent Running in the Field* by British author John LeCarré (International, 288 pages)
- April Bonus: *Educated* by Tara Westover (Nonfiction, 334 pages)
- May: *Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital* by Chris Myers Asch & George Derek Musgrove, 624 page)
- June: *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi (Fiction, 544 pages)

Announcements

Mentorship Network

The current cycle of mentorship has begun; matches have started meeting and making plans for their goals for this cycle. Mentors and mentees will have a chance to mingle and network with everyone in this cycle at the upcoming **Mentorship Mixer**, on January 25 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at PBK Headquarters in DC. This will be a great opportunity to build connections with everyone in this cohort and have individual meetings between matches. We are also planning a law and justice career panel for Feb 1, location to be determined.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee in a future cycle and would like to learn more about the program, we'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions, please contact Program Coordinator Rebecca DeSantis at mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Open Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking to get more involved with DCPBK? Our board is currently putting together numerous committees to help organize events, raise funds, and engage with our membership, as well as getting more members involved who may be interested in growing into leadership roles. We are especially looking for:

- **Fundraising Coordinator**

For more information, please email **Breann Watt** at president@dcpbk.org. We'd love to hear from you!

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