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Upcoming Events

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**DCPBK Walking Tour: Hope for America: Performers, Politics and Pop Culture**

When: Saturday, February 8, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Library of Congress: Thomas Jefferson Building—Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment, 10 First Street SE

This once in a lifetime event explores the history of political satire and political entertainment through popular entertainers such as Bob Hope, Will Rogers, and other time-honored political satirists. If you are you a fan of *The Daily Show's* Trevor Noah or *Late Night's* Seth Meyers, this is the event for you!

Contact Hunter Hamrick  
([hunterhamrick@gmail.com](mailto:hunterhamrick@gmail.com)) if you're interested in going!

**Sea Monsters Unearthed: Life in Angola's Ancient Seas**

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

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

Join us for a tour of this exciting exhibit. Get up close to the fossil remains of giant reptiles—mososaurs, plesiosaurs, and giant sea turtles—that once ruled the seas off the coast of West Africa, 88-66 million years ago. You can find out more at [www.naturalhistory.si.edu](http://www.naturalhistory.si.edu). Reach out to Bailey DeSimone if you plan on joining: [simonedebailey@gmail.com](mailto:simonedebailey@gmail.com).

# **Young Professionals (YP) Network**

## **Upcoming YP Network Events**

### **Broomball and Brews**

Please join the YP Network on Tuesday, February 18 for Broomball and Brews at the Wharf DC. Broomball is a hockey-like game that originated in Canada. Though it's played on the ice, participants in Broomball and Brews do not wear ice skates (just regular shoes). Players form teams of 4-8 and compete against other teams. There is no cost associated with Broomball. Since this event happens around dinner time, we can also go to one of the restaurants around the ice-skating rink for some food (e.g. Shake Shack). Guests are welcome to attend! To learn more and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

### **Trivia Night Again!**

Calling all trivia enthusiasts! On Tuesday, February 25, the YP Network will be organizing another group for a round of trivia! We earned first place at the Hawk 'n' Dove the last two months in a row, and are looking forward to continuing our winning streak this month! This month we will be doing trivia at Rhodeside Grill in Arlington, VA. The Rhodeside Grill is also a popular bar for LSU (Louisiana State University) fans. Trivia starts at 7:30 p.m., but we'd like everybody to arrive at 6:45 to meet each other beforehand, enjoy some happy hour specials, and to ensure that we get a table. Guests are welcome to attend! To learn more and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

## **Past Events**

**Curling and Cocktails at the Wharf:** On January 27, a group of YP Network members went to the Wharf DC to participate in Curling and Cocktails! They had a great time learning how to curl, and about the rules that govern this fairly well-known winter sport. Afterward, they enjoyed dinner at one of the restaurants at the Wharf.



**Trivia Night:** On January 21, the YP Network returned to the Hawk 'n' Dove on Capitol Hill for their monthly trivia outing. Before trivia began, they enjoyed some light refreshments

and meeting one another. Ultimately, the group prevailed, earning first place and a gift certificate for \$25—their second win in a row!

Please continue to check the newsletter and the website 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 [dmberg8@gmail.com](mailto:dmberg8@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.



## Book Club News and Reviews

On Wednesday, January 29, the Book Club met at Cafe Deluxe to discuss our January 2020 selection ***The Witches: Salem 1692*** by Stacy Schiff. A personal favorite of our coordinator, the book generated strong reactions to a sparsely-documented, little-understood nine months of colonial New England history. This selection is a study in masterful research, and seemingly a new definitive source on the topic. The Salem witch trials have such an iconic, dark place in our collective cultural history, and Schiff does a phenomenal job of exposing the reader to the confusion and fear felt by the community, the primary players in the trials, and the socio-economic factors that combined in a perfect storm one summer in 1692. The writing style did divide the group—some felt the dense, convoluted prose detracted, while others felt it propelled you directly into the mindset of the 17th-century Salem residents, wrestling with facts, gut feelings, and uncertainty.



Our February 2020 Book Club event line up is packed! First, we will meet on Tuesday, February 18 at Nagomi Izakaya for a bonus International selection to discuss ***Farewell My Concubine*** by Hong Kong author Lillian Lee. Then on Wednesday February 26 at 7:00 p.m. we'll attend a talk at the Anacostia Public Library as a supplement in advance of our May discussion of ***Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital***. We'll listen in on a lecture by Derek Musgrove, co-author of our May selection. The title of the talk is: "Urban Renewal, Gentrification, and the Origins of 'East of the River'." If you're interested in this event, do go ahead and register on EventBrite via the link in the event posting, since it is a first-come, first-served basis for ticketing through the library. Then on Thursday, February 27 we'll meet at Cafe Deluxe for our regular monthly meeting; we'll be discussing the 2019 release, ***The Water Dancer*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Both Book Club discussions start at 6:30 p.m. You can find details for all events and RSVP via the DCPBK website.

### **Book Club Selections for Spring 2020**

Here are the rest of our spring selections. Happy reading!

- 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**

On January 25, the **Mentorship Mixer** brought together current mentors and mentees of this cycle for an afternoon of lively conversations. Participants enjoyed some bites to eat while playing a round-robin style 'speed mixer' to get everyone talking. Matches also had the opportunity to meet to discuss their next steps together. All participants in this cycle can look forward to receiving their first mentorship e-newsletter in the coming weeks. We have also scheduled the **law and justice career panel** for March 1 at the Bethesda Library. Invites to those mentees invited will go out shortly. 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](mailto: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\*\*](mailto:president@dcpbk.org). We'd love to hear from you!

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## **DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board**

### **2019-2020 Officers**

**PRESIDENT: Breann Watt** (University of California Riverside, 2011)  
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**INTERIM 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT: Hunter Hamrick** (Florida State University, 2015)  
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