



November 2024 Newsletter

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I. [Events](#)

[MentorMix Virtual Event](#)

Are you considering a career change? Have you recently made a change? Or are you just interested in an engaging discussion about career strategies with other DC Phi Betes over Google Meet?

Join us for our Winter 2024 MentorMix event featuring a panel discussion on Early- and Mid-Career Changes! This virtual event will take place on December 4th from 6:30pm-8:00pm and will consist of a 45 minute panel followed by a breakout discussion on changing careers. [Registration](#) is free for Members.

Christina Hughes
Mentorship Network Chair
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DCPBK Holiday Party

Save the date! DCPBK's annual holiday party will be on Sunday, December 8th! We will gather from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 8th to celebrate the holidays, each other, and books of our choosing. This year we will do a book (new or used) gift exchange. Each member should bring a wrapped book of their choice. All wrapped books will go on a table and members will select a wrapped book during the exchange. We will then provide time for conversation between the gift giver and the recipient to discuss why they chose to give a specific title.

Stay tuned for registration info via email and final details on location, OR if you have access to a relatively inexpensive venue, please contact Kyle Coen at 206-356-1406.

Thanks again to those who participated in our fantastic KeyConnections / MentorMix event. For photos and videos from other past events, check out our [Past Events](#) page!

Kyle Coen
Vice President of Member Experience
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II. [Book Club](#)



Book Club members discussing Frankenstein in October.

Upcoming Meetings

We will have two meetings in November (ish).

- On **Thursday Nov. 14th** we will have our [mid-month bonus meeting](#) to discuss *The Midnight Library* by **Matt Haig**. This meeting will be online only.
- On **December 5th** (due to the timing of Thanksgiving) we will have our [regular November meeting](#) to discuss *Dancing in the Mosque: An Afghan Mother's Letter to Her Son* by Homeira Qaderi. This meeting will have an in-person option as well at Teism Penn Quarter. Check back on the website soon for the final details and to register!

Coming Soon: Spring 2025 Voting Cycle!

We are almost to the end of our selections from the Fall 2024 voting cycle. All that remains is the **December pick**: *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks, Nonfiction, 304 pages.

That means it is time to start thinking about recommendations! Look out for an email from kelly@dcpbk.org containing a *Google Form* in which you can recommend books for us to vote on. We take recommendations in the categories of fiction, non-fiction, international, and classics. This message will be sent to anyone who has registered for a book club event in the last year. If you don't receive the email by the end-of-November book club meeting, reach out to Kelly directly.

A Book Club Update

We are still looking for a new Book Club Chair (see [Board & Committee Vacancies](#) below)! In the meantime, reach out to kelly@dcpbk.org with questions, comments or if you would like to help with hosting meetings.

III. Language Groups

Spanish

¿Hablas español? ¿Buscas un grupo chévere para practicar tu conversación? [¡Únete a nuestro grupo informal!](#)

Nuestras reuniones usualmente serán el tercer martes de cada mes.

*Únete a nosotros para la reunión del grupo de español **en el 19 de noviembre a las 6:30pm ET a Colada Shop Dupont** (1900 N St NW, Washington, DC 20036). La reunión es para todos los niveles de conversación, pero hablamos en español por todo el tiempo, entonces le recomendamos un nivel básico de comprensión conversacional para participarse en la discusión.*

Inscríbete [por el enlace por encima](#). Para más detalles, incluso sobre eventos de cultura latina, ¡échale un vistazo a nuestro chat en [Whatsapp!](#)

¿Preguntas? ¿Comentarios? No vaciles a ponerte en contacto conmigo.

Molly Rose Malaney
Spanish Language Group Chair
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French

Francophones, joignez-vous à parler en français et célébrer la culture francophone. Nos réunions mensuelles sont des conversations détendues (en français bien sûr) sur n'importe quel sujet. Tous sont bienvenues! De temps en temps, nous espérons assister aux événements culturels aussi.

Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu [Mardi 10 Décembre de 18:30 heures à 20:00 heures sur Google Meet](#).

Si vous avez des questions ou des idées pour notre groupe, n'hésitez pas à me contacter.

Kelly Williams
French Group Chair
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IV. [Mentorship Network](#)

The DC PBK Mentorship Network program focuses on connecting DC PBK Association members to share professional advice and foster the intellectual curiosity that brings our PBK community together at its core. Through connecting members of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences, the Mentorship Network aims to catalyze learning relationships among Association members and strengthen the personal and professional lives of individuals and their connections to the Association. We invite all members of DC PBK to get involved by: signing up to become a mentor, browsing our online Mentor Directory and initiate contact with mentors at your own convenience,

apply to participate in our annual Mentor Match Program, or attend one of our quarterly MentorMix events.

Calling all current [Mentor Directory](#) participants: We are working on refreshing the Mentor Directory. For questions or assistance, or to be added to the Mentor Directory, please contact mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Upcoming Events:

- MentorMix Virtual Event: **December 4, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:00pm**
Our next MentorMix Event will be virtual. Please join us for a panel discussion on **Early- and Mid-Career Changes**, followed by small group break-out sessions. [Registration](#) is free for Members.
- Mentor Match Program: **January 2025 - June 2025**
Update: the program start date has been delayed to January to allow new members to apply following the Key Connections event and to avoid holiday conflicts. In 2025 we will restart the pre-pandemic Mentor Match Program in which 10-15 applicants will be matched with 3-5 local mentors for a three-to-six month mentorship program (duration will be dependent upon needs). Mentorship topics are self-selected and can include a variety of topics including professional development, career growth, navigating the DC Metro area, volunteering/activism, etc. The six-month series applications will open in the fall of this year. Stay tuned for more information about how to apply as a mentor or mentee!

Christina Hughes
Mentorship Network Chair
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V. [Young Professionals Network](#)

Thank you to everyone who came out to our last two events, the YP happy hour at Froggy Bottom and the hike at Rock Creek park. It was great to meet so many young Phi Betes in the DC area! We hope everyone who attended had a good time.

This newsletter cycle the YP event will be trivia night at Present Company in Mount Vernon Triangle, on Tuesday, December 3. Trivia starts at 7:00pm, but our reservation will be for 6:45 so that we can get settled and chat for a bit before the game starts. There are a limited number of tickets for this event, so please register soon! [Registration details are available here](#). *(If you register but are not able to come, please email yp@dcpbk.org to cancel your registration so that someone else can join.)* We hope to see you there!

As always, please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for future events!

Sarah Uhan
Young Professionals Network Chair
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VI. Social Media

DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Social Media Chair to manage the association's social media accounts. The role will include creating promotional content for programs and events, advertising board vacancies, and creating a sense of community through dialogue and engagement with DCPBK members on social media. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

If you haven't already, be sure to check out our pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter/X](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

VII. [Membership & Outreach](#)

How are we doing? Let us know with this anonymous [member feedback survey](#).

VIII. [Events & Programs Committee](#)

IX. [High School Awards Committee](#)

X. [Board & Committee Vacancies](#)

Are you looking to get more involved with DCPBK? Help us take our association to the next level! Take a peek at the following opportunities to serve our members while gaining valuable leadership skills that will take you far in the professional world. To apply for any of the following vacancies, **please email your resume and a brief paragraph of interest to volunteer@dcpbk.org**. Volunteers must be members of DCPBK in good standing.

1. [Social Media Chair](#)

DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Social Media Chair to manage the association's social media accounts. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

2. [Book Club Chair](#)



DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Book Club Chair to organize and lead monthly book club meetings over Zoom. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

3. [Membership & Outreach Chair](#)



DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Membership & Outreach Chair to oversee membership payments, renewals, and member-driven programming for the association. The Membership & Outreach Chair hosts DCPBK's popular hour-long Coffee & Conversation series each quarter over Zoom, and helps to incubate new programming ideas pursuant to member input. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

4. [Fundraising & Development Chair](#)

DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Fundraising & Development Chair to help us maintain our operating budget, assist with fundraising for the High School Awards Program, and keep the website's fundraising pages up to date. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).



5. [Events & Programs Committee](#)



DCPBK is seeking to recruit **3-4 members** to sit on the Events & Programs Committee, co-chaired by our Vice President of Member Experience and Membership & Outreach Coordinator. Committee members will assist the VPME with planning annual events, and Membership with planning and incubating new programs for DCPBK. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

Think you're up to it? Questions or concerns? Please don't hesitate to reach out to me about how to join our board!

Niku Neshati
President
president@dcpbk.org

X. DCPBK Board

2024-2025

Officers

President: Niku Neshati (George Mason University, 2018)

Vice President of External Relations: Briggs Burton (Hampden-Sydney College, 2016)

Vice President of Member Experience: Kyle Coen (Colorado State University, 2000)

Treasurer: Matthew Thomas (Williams College, 2017)

Secretary: Brynn Poppe (Gettysburg College, 2019)

At-Large Executive Committee Members

Past President: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)

Past President: Elizabeth “Liz” Marshall Anderson (Lawrence University, 2009)

Book Club Chair: VACANT

Mentorship Network Chair: Christina Hughes (Rice University, 2013)

High School Awards Chair: Dan Bernstein (George Washington University, 2017)

Fundraising & Development Chair: VACANT

Advisory Council

Past Vice President: Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)

Past President: Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)

Past President: Lindsay Parco (University of Hawai‘i, 2021)

Appointed Volunteers

Social Media Chair: VACANT

Spanish Group Chair: Molly Rose Malaney (University of Florida, 2020)

French Group Chair: Kelly Williams (Allegheny College, 2014)

Newsletter Editor: Rose Burberry-Martin (Clark University, 2014)

Young Professionals Network Chair: Sarah Uhan (Georgetown University, 2024)

Membership & Outreach Chair/Webmaster: VACANT

Committees

High School Awards Committee: Dan Bernstein (George Washington University, 2017), Sameer Jaywant (Yale Law School, 2018)

Events & Programs Committee: Ted Spear (University of Maryland, 2024)