



## July 2025 Newsletter

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## I. [Events](#)

Be on the lookout for a forthcoming email with information about our Annual Business Meeting!

## II. [Book Club](#)

### Next Meeting: Thursday, July 31st

Our next meeting will be [Thursday, July 31st from 6:30-8pm](#). We will meet in-person (at Teatism in Penn Quarter) and virtually to discuss our June selection, *Eve Bites Back: An Alternative History of English Literature*, by Anna Beer.

The votes are in! Here are the selections for the remainder of our July-December 2025 cycle:

- **August:** *100 Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Colombian, 417 pg. (Classic/International)
- **September:** *Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools*, Mary Annette Pember, 304 pg. (Non-Fiction)
  - **October Mid-Month Bonus:** *Tender is the Flesh*, Agustina Bazterrica, Argentinian 228 pg. (International)
- **October:** *The Stepford Wives*, Ira Levin, American, 145 pg (Classic)
- **November:** *The Ministry of Time*, Kaliane Bradley, British, 339 pg (Fiction)
- **December:** *Kaikeyi* by Vaishnavi Patel, American, 496 pg (International)

### Logistical Notes

- Please **register 24 hours before meetings** so that I can communicate with hosts about attendance. The registration on the website will close after that point.
- Our virtual meetings have been smaller lately. With this and the preferences of my volunteer hosts in mind, we will continue to offer a virtual meeting each month, but it will not always have an official host. I will reach out to everyone registered by email the day before the meeting to let you know how many folks are signed up and provide a reminder of the format we often use for discussion if there is no host.

## June Book Club Meeting Recap



Book club members at Teatism in June, discussing *The Book of Night Women* by Marlon James

## III. Language Groups

### Spanish Group

Únete a nosotros para la reunión del grupo de español en el 22 de julio a las 6:30pm ET a Chaia Tacos Chinatown (615 I St NW, Washington, DC 20001). La reunión es para todos los niveles de hablar, pero hablamos en español por todo el tiempo, entonces le recomendamos un nivel básico de comprensión conversacional para participarse en el discusión. [More information can be found here.](#)

### French Group

*Le groupe français organisent deux types d'événements:*

Nos réunions mensuelles en ligne sont des conversations détendues (en français bien sûr) sur n'importe quel sujet. Toutes sont bienvenues, mais un niveau de compréhension courant est conseillé pour participer. *Ces réunions sont le troisième jeudi de chaque mois sur Google Meet.* **La prochaine réunion aura lieu: jeudi, 17 juillet.** [Inscrivez-vous ici pour tous les détails.](#)

We also occasionally attend **cultural events** (musical performances, museum visits, and more) relating to France or the Francophone world, which do not necessarily require any proficiency in the language and are open to any DCPBK members who are interested. Each event will specify if it is in French, English, or both.

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. [Young Professionals Network](#)

Be sure to check the website and our next newsletter for upcoming events!

Sarah Uhan  
Young Professionals Network Chair  
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#### V. [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](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org).

Christina Hughes  
Mentorship Network Chair  
[mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org)

## VI. Social Media

Be sure to like and subscribe to our social media to keep up with the latest announcements and association updates. See you online!

- [Facebook](#) - DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association
- [Instagram](#) - @dc.pbk
- [LinkedIn](#) - DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association
- [Twitter/X](#) - @DCPhiBetaKappa

## VII. [Membership & Outreach](#)

## 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](mailto:volunteer@dcpbk.org)**. Volunteers must be members of DCPBK in good standing.



### [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](#).

### 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](#).



### 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](#).

### Vice President of Member Experience

DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Vice President of Member Experience to lead event planning and day-of event management for annual events and maintain strong relationships within PBK. [Click here for more information.](#)



## XI. DCPBK Board

### **2025-2026**

#### Officers

**President** (acting): Briggs Burton (Hampden-Sydney College, 2016)

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

**Vice President of Member Experience: VACANT**

**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)

**Past President**: Niku Neshati (George Mason University, 2018)

**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

**Newsletter Editor & Social Media Chair**: Rose Burberry-Martin (Clark University, 2014)

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

**French Group and Book Club Chair**: Kelly Williams (Allegheny College, 2014)

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

**Membership & Outreach Chair / Webmaster: VACANT**

#### Committees

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

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