



September 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: September 24th

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. We will meet in-person (at Teaism in Penn Quarter) and virtually to discuss our September selection, *Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools*, by Mary Annette Pember. [More information and sign up here](#).

Here are the selections for the remainder of our July-December 2025 cycle:

- **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.

August Book Club Meeting Recap



Book club members at Teism in August, discussing *100 Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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III. Language Groups

Spanish Group

Únete a nosotros para la reunión del grupo de español en **el 15 de septiembre a las 6:30pm ET a La Cosecha** (1280 4th St NE, Washington, DC 20002). 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. [Mas información aqui.](#)

French Group

Le groupe français organisent deux types d'événements:

Nous avons des causeries mensuelles en ligne où nous discuterons des sujets d'intérêt général (en français bien sûr). Toutes sont bienvenues, mais un niveau intermédiaire pour la compréhension et l'expression orale est conseillé pour bien participer. La prochaine réunion aura lieu: le jeudi 18 septembre de 18:30h à 19:30h. [Inscrivez-vous ici pour tous les détails.](#)

Pour octobre, je propose que nous nous retrouvions dans une boulangerie française. Cette réunion pourrait en plus de ou au lieu de notre réunion en ligne. Si vous vous intéressez à assister, [répondez à cette enquête, s'il vous plait.](#)

(For October, I think we should meet at a French bakery. This could be in addition to or in place of our online meeting. If you're interested, [respond to this survey with your availability](#). You can answer this even if you aren't a French speaker and you just like good bakeries)

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

Kelly Williams
French Group Chair
french@dcpbk.org

IV. [Young Professionals Network](#)

Join the Young Professionals Network on Thursday, October 9, at 6:00pm for the Library of Congress's weekly happy hour, "[Live! At the Library](#)." This is an after-hours open house where visitors are free to explore the exhibits, take a brief tour of the main reading room, and enjoy food and beverages if desired. The YP network will meet up at 6pm to chat and explore the library. [Register here](#) if you plan to attend!

Looking further ahead, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 2, at 11am for a fall hike (weather permitting) at Rock Creek Park. Be sure to check our website and the October newsletter for more info.

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.

Key Connections 2025: This year's Key Connections event will be held in October and planning is in progress. Please keep an eye out for an email or check our website for updates and event registration information!

Christina Hughes
Mentorship Network Chair
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. [Events & Programs Committee](#)

VIII. [High School Awards Committee](#)

IX. [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.



[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.](#)



X. 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 Uhran (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)