



October 2025 Newsletter

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I. [Events](#)

Key Connections Mentor Mix

Join us at this year's [Key Connections MentorMix Event](#) on **Sunday, October 26, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM** at the [William & Mary Washington Center](#) in downtown Washington DC! Our Key Connections event is a chance to welcome new members, both recent graduates and recent DMV transplants, to our Association. This year's annual Key Connections event will once again be in partnership with DC PBK's Mentorship Network, which will include a focus on networking and career mentorship opportunities for new graduates, young professionals, and veteran members.



For more information and registration, [please visit the Key Connections MentorMix event page](#).

Annual Business Meeting

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

II. [Book Club](#)

Next Meetings: October 16th & October 29th

Our mid-October meeting will be **Thursday, October 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. We will meet in-person (at Teatism in Penn Quarter) and virtually to discuss our mid-October selection, *Tender is the Flesh*, by Agustina Bazterrica. [Sign up for our mid-October meeting here](#).

Our regular October meeting will be **Wednesday, October 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. We will meet in-person (at Teatism in Penn Quarter) and virtually to discuss our October selection, *The Stepford Wives*, by Ira Levin. [More information and sign up for October meeting here](#).

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

- **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.

September Book Club Meeting Recap



Book club members at Teasm & Online in September discussing *Medicine River* by Mary Annette Pember. It was a serious and impactful book leading to an interesting discussion.

Kelly Williams
Book Club Chair
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III. [Language Groups](#)

Spanish Group

Únete a nosotros para la reunión del grupo de español en **el 27 de octubre 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

Francophones! Venez avec nous dans **une boulangerie vivement recommandée** et discutez en Français. On y va **dimanche (Sunday) le 19 octobre à 9:30**. [Inscrivez-vous ici](#). Je pense que la boulangerie est toute petite, donc attendez-vous à aller au parc pour discuter.

Don't speak French, but still want to come to a good bakery?

Feel free to join us. Just expect that those who can and want to will speak French. We may split into two groups for our chat based on this. Also, I believe the bakery is very small, so expect that we might go to a park or otherwise outside to chat. [Register here](#)

Dimanche n'est pas bon pour vous? N'inquiétez pas. Joignez-nous pour notre causerie mensuelle en ligne: **le Jeudi 23 octobre de 18:30 à 19:30.** [Inscrivez-vous ici.](#)

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](#)

Unfortunately, Live! At the Library was canceled due to the government shutdown, but I will be rescheduling it when the shutdown is over, so stay tuned!

For November, join the YP network on **Sunday, November 2 at 11am at Rock Creek Park for a fall hike** (weather permitting). We will meet at Peirce Mill (2401 Tilden St NW, Washington, DC 20008) and hike from 3 to 4 miles. It will be a low-intensity hike and all are welcome - stay for as long or as short as you like. Let us know if you plan to attend by [registering here](#).

Later into November, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm for a happy hour with the YP network**. More details to follow on the website and the November newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or suggestions for future events, feel free to reach out!

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.

Upcoming Events:

- October 26, 2025: [Key Connections MentorMix Event](#): **Sunday, October 26 1:00PM-3:00PM at [William & Mary Washington Center](#)** (Washington, DC)
Are you a past mentor/mentee? Are you interested in participating in one of DC PBK mentorships programs? Join us for an end-of-summer joint mixer with Key Connections to meet incoming Phi Betes and get more information about our Mentor Directory, Mentor Match Program, and upcoming events! For more details on the event, [visit the event page on our website](#).

Christina Hughes
Mentorship Network Chair
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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 & Volunteers

Please give a warm welcome to our new Vice President of External Relations, [Milo Chang](#)!



Milo Chang is the Vice President of External Relations for the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association. He serves as a Director's Financial Analyst with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Milo was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Williams College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy and Computer Science. He delivered the Phi Beta Kappa address at the 235th Commencement of Williams College, for which he was awarded the Dewey Prize and the Muriel B. Rowe Prize.

In addition to his role at DCPBK, Milo is the Treasurer of the Taiwanese American Professionals — DC Chapter, a member of the Board of Directors for the Women's Center of Montgomery County in Pennsylvania, and a certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparer with Community Tax Aid. In his free time, Milo paddles with the DC Dragon Boat Club and enjoys learning through Skillette Cooking School.

2025-2026

Officers

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

Vice President of External Relations: Milo Chang (Williams College, 2024)

Vice President of Member Experience: Briggs Burton (Hampden-Sydney College, 2016)

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)