



November 2025 Newsletter

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I. [Events](#)

Annual Business Meeting

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

Recap: Key Connections Mentor Mix

This year's Key Connections MentorMix Event was held on Sunday, October 26th at the William & Mary Washington Center in downtown Washington DC! We had 28 attendees, including many new faces, and lots of social time in which members and recent inductees were able to meet and discuss current and future job and learning pathways. Five members of our board presented on the Association history and activities, including a teaser for an exciting run-up to PBK's 250th anniversary in December 2026. We hope everyone who was able to come out had a great time and continues to stay active in our organization, and for those who weren't able to make it, please email me if you have any questions or would like to get involved with our mentorship network!



II. [Book Club](#)

Next Meeting: December 4, 2025

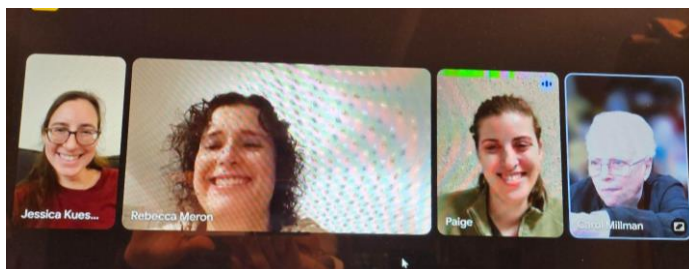
Our “November” meeting will be **Thursday, December 4th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** to avoid Thanksgiving. We will meet in-person (at Teatism in Penn Quarter) and virtually to discuss *The Ministry of Time* by Kaliane Bradley [Sign up here](#).

The last selection for the July-December 2025 cycle is

- **December:** *Kaikeyi* by Vaishnavi Patel, American, 496 pg (International)

Look out for recommending and voting information for our next cycle in separate emails from Kelly—this is currently in progress.

October Book Club Meeting Recap



The book club dug into two spooky books for October. Most of us preferred the subtler creepiness of *The Stepford Wives* (Levin) to the in-your-face body horror of *Tender is the Flesh* (Bazterrecia), but both books prompted fascinating discussion and connections to other media.

Kelly Williams
Book Club Chair

III. [Language Groups](#)

Spanish Group

Únete a nosotros para la reunión del grupo de español en **el 18 de noviembre a las 6:30pm ET a bartaco City Vista** (1025 5th 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. [Mas información aqui](#).

French Group

Joignez-nous pour notre prochaine causerie mensuelle en ligne: **le mardi 18 novembre de 18:30 à 19:30**. [Inscrivez-vous ici](#). Pendant ces causeries, 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.

Je suis en train d'organiser une visite à une librairie française, ["Bonjour Books"](#). Le date n'est pas encore décidée, donc dis-moi si tu t'intéresse.

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](#)



Thanks to everyone who came out for our hike at Rock Creek Park at the beginning of the month! We had amazing weather and the leaves were beautiful.

Happy Hour on November 19th

Join us for our next event, a happy hour hangout at **Boqueria in Penn Quarter** starting at **5:30pm on Wednesday, November 19th**. All are welcome, arrive whenever works for you! (Happy hour deals last until 7pm.) Please RSVP by November 16 so that we can make a reservation.

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

Sarah Uhran
Young Professionals Network Chair
yp@dcbpk.org

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.

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](#).

X. DCPBK Board & Volunteers

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 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)