



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Fall Luncheon: Dr. David Domke: “America in Transformation: Race, National Identity, and the Presidency”

Thursday, October 13, 11:45 a.m.

Seattle Yacht Club

1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

The United States is in a time of tectonic social change, comparable in transformation and turmoil to some of the most defining eras in the nation’s history. At the heart of this shift are two important aspects of race relations: demographic shifts and a renewed era of the civil rights movement. The 2016 presidential election will be vital to shaping where America goes. This lecture will address these matters.

David Domke worked as a journalist for several newspapers in the 1980s and early 1990s, including the *Orange County Register* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, before earning a Ph.D. in mass communication at the University of Minnesota in 1996. He is now a professor and chair in the Department of Communication at the University of Washington. He is the author of two books, *God Willing? Political Fundamentalism in the White House, the “War on Terror,” and the Echoing Press* (2004) and *The God Strategy: How Religion Became a Political Weapon in America* (2010). In his research and teaching he focuses on issues of racial and religious identity in American politics. In the past two years he has begun to lead week-long civil rights pilgrimages of students and community adults to the South. These are intergenerational and interracial experiences, done in partnership with Bellevue College and UW alumni, students, faculty, and staff. In 2002 he received the UW’s Distinguished Teaching Award, the university’s highest honor for teaching. In 2006, he was named the Washington State Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. In 2008 he was selected as the favorite professor of the UW graduating class, and in 2015 he was selected as the university’s Freshman Convocation keynote speaker.

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 13, at the Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person and guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée you may select either roast turkey breast with mashed potatoes and vegetables or Portobello mushroom napoleon (vegetarian). Please let us know of any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by Friday, October 7, using the coupon in this newsletter or at <http://psa-pbk.org>.

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Guided tour of LeMay—America's Car Museum

Sunday, November 6, 1:45 p.m.

LeMay—America's Car Museum

2702 E. D Street (across from the Tacoma Dome), Tacoma

The museum collection consists of artifacts and 200 automobiles spanning over 100 years of automotive history. Another 100 vehicles on exhibit are on loan from private collections. We will meet at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, at the guest services counter in the museum lobby. Our docent-guided tour will begin promptly at 2 p.m. The museum is open until 5 p.m. and you may stay and enjoy it after the docent tour.

The museum café will be open, and you may also arrive early and join other Phi Betes for a no-host lunch, or visit the café after our tour.

The cost of the tour is \$17 per person. Guests are welcome. Please make your reservation by Wednesday, November 2, using the coupon in this newsletter or at <http://psa-pbk.org>.

Phi Bete social with speaker Debra Glassman

Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.

Washington Commons at the UW Tower

4333 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle

Please join us for a social from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, at Washington Commons at the UW Tower, 4333 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle. Enjoy some appetizers and meet other Phi Beta Kappa members. Guests are welcome.

Debra Glassman, Ph.D., senior lecturer at the Foster School of Business, will speak on "Brexit and the Future of Europe." There is no charge to attend this event, but please send your RSVP to president@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 by Friday, November 11. Please include the names of your guests.

Please note that because of construction on Brooklyn Avenue N.E., you will need to enter the UW Tower from either N.E. 45th or N.E. 43rd Street. Paid parking is available in nearby lots and nearby streets. Bus service is also available to the area.

Volunteer with the UW Dream Project

Saturday, November 19 — 10 to 11 a.m.: Kane Hall 130; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Mary Gates Hall

University of Washington campus, Seattle

Do you have writing skills? Are you passionate about social justice? Do you want to help low-income students get into college? You're invited to join us! We would love to have Phi Beta Kappa members as writing tutors at the UW Dream Project's Admissions Workshop on Saturday, November 19. The Dream Project invites thousands of high school seniors to come to the UW campus for help with college applications. As writing tutors, you will participate in an orientation and then work with individual students on their personal statements for college applications. Most of the students are low-income, underrepresented, and/or first generation to attend college. To volunteer, please e-mail Jessica Hunnicut at hunnij@uw.edu or visit the project website, <http://www.washington.edu/dreamproject/>.

High School Book Awards

In spring 2016, PSA-PBK awarded 96 personally inscribed books to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools in the 13-county Puget Sound area. Our book award program encourages and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. The program also introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and our core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. Principals, faculty, and counselors at the participating high schools select the graduating seniors who best exemplify the values of Phi Beta Kappa. The book that we presented this year was *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough.

UPS Phi Beta Kappa Magee Address

Barry Goldstein, Professor of Geology: "From the Eye of the Storm: Perspectives on Climate Change"

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Trimble Forum, University of Puget Sound Campus, Tacoma

Free and open to the community

"What was once referred to simply as global warming is now more properly termed global climate change, and, as we will explore in tonight's talk, should be more thoroughly considered as global climate and environmental change.

"The first part of this talk will give an overview of some of the kinds of studies that are ongoing and what is thought to be some of the likely scenarios for our planet's overall environment in the next few decades. The second part will attempt to put the changes that we are experiencing into some sort of context, based on what we know about the climatic and environmental changes that the Earth has experienced during its more than 4-billion-year history. Up until about 10,000 years ago, the causes were 'natural' (that is, non-anthropogenic) and some were cyclic, and others not. I will also discuss some evidence that human-induced changes in our environment may actually have been started as far back as 10,000 years ago, and I will try to untangle the 'natural' from the anthropogenic during this most recent interval of Earth's environmental history."

In memoriam: Gerald J. Oppenheimer (1922–2016)

Our friend Gerry Oppenheimer passed away on August 23, 2016, at the age of 94. Gerry served on our board of trustees for over 25 years. He had been our vice president and, more recently, our secretary and archivist. He was also the chair of our undergraduate scholarship committee, and had been the executive secretary of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Washington.

Gerry was a thoughtful and caring man who set very high standards, and was a mentor to many. We will all miss him.

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

The PSA-PBK board consists of Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Terry Jankowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; and Phyllis Becker Williams, assistant treasurer; as well as Dennis Adler, Sandra Andrews-Strasko, Norman Arkans, Vivian Chun, Judith Crutcher, Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Margaret Palmquest, Edward Perrin, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, and Dennis Yamashita. Non-board committee members include Joe Bruner, Joan Peterson, Sherry Rind, Mike Segawa and Barbee Tucker-Pigott. Our administrative assistant is Amy Davis.

Meet your new PSA-PBK board members

Dennis Adler

Dennis Adler founded D. Adler & Associates after leaving Microsoft in 2006 to spend more time on his own pursuits. With more than 35 years of experience in technology-related businesses, he brings a unique blend of talent and experience (from both inside and outside the U.S.) to his management consulting practice. This experience has also been valuable in his volunteer activities, such as working as a SCORE mentor beginning in late 2012 and in the Alliance of Angels since 2006. From 2009 to 2012, he was the CTO of a local technology startup, MetaJure. After graduation from UCLA *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in biology in 1978, he began working for a series of medium-to-small computer technology companies, including his own, before moving to Seattle in 1989 to take a position with Microsoft. He enjoys photography, hiking, biking, scuba diving, music, good food, engaging books, and travel.

Meet your new PSA-PBK board members, continued from page 3**Terry Ann Jankowski**

Terry Ann Jankowski recently retired (after 37 years) from the University of Washington Health Sciences Library and was honored with librarian emerita status. She attended the UW (Phi Beta Kappa 1973, B.A. [zoology and German] 1974) and then UCLA to earn her M.L.S. with a specialization in medical libraries. She began her professional career at the University of Southern California Norris Medical Library and returned to the UW in 1979 to the Health Sciences Library. Active in the Medical Library Association (MLA), she created and taught a class on expert database search-ing. She also has written two books on the topic and collaborated on numerous papers and presentations on searching and user services. She is an MLA fellow and also a distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Jankowski was hired by Gerry Oppenheimer, former PSA-PBK secretary, and long encouraged by him to become more active in Phi Beta Kappa. Upon retirement she chose to attempt to fill his shoes. In addition to Phi Beta Kappa, she volunteers for the Girl Scouts of Western Washington as a camp cook and facilitator of adult workshops. She enjoys reading, quilting and travel in her spare time.

Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award

Kelsey Barrett has been awarded the \$4,500 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award for 2016–2017. She graduated from the University of Washington in 2012 with a B.A. in international studies. She became a member of Phi Beta Kappa in 2010. This fall, she will enter the UW's master of public health program, specializing in global health, leadership, policy, and management. In her application, Barrett wrote that her goal is to "facilitate the uptake of new tools and evidence-based health interventions in developing countries." She spent two years working in Senegal in rural communities to promote good health practices, democratic-decision making, and small business management. She worked towards improved health for women and the implementation of a new rapid test for river blindness. Our warmest congratulations to her!

Undergraduate scholarships awarded

Five \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships have been awarded to the following University of Puget Sound and University of Washington students: Melanie Bussan (UPS, undeclared major), Halima Idris (UW, early childhood and family studies), Eunhye Kim (UW, finance), Matthew Moreno (UPS, mathematics and computer science), and Kylie Young (UPS, science, technology, and society; and anthropology).

The scholarship committee determined that Melanie Bussan wrote the best essay, so she was awarded the additional \$400 Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholarship. The late Dr. Alvord, a member of PSA-PBK, was an outstanding physician, scientist, philanthropist, and humanitarian who dedicated his life to medical research and support of the local arts and sciences.

Congratulations to all five scholars!

Humanities Achievement Award

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, PSA-PBK established its Humanities Achievement Award in 2015. It was established to honor individuals or organizations who have contributed substantially to the humanities. Our first award was presented to Speight Jenkins, who served as the general director of the Seattle Opera for 31 years. Our 2016 recipient was University of Washington Professor Richard G. Salomon for his co-directorship of the Early Buddhist Manuscript Project, involving the decipherment of Gandhari-language birch bark scrolls, which will shed light on the early history of Buddhist culture.

Please visit our website, <http://psa-pbk.org>, if you would like to submit a nomination for our Humanities Achievement Award.

Thank you to our donors

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2016–17 Katz Distinguished Lectures in the Humanities

David Shields: “The Novel Is Dead; Long Live the Anti-Novel”

Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m.

Kane Hall 210, University of Washington, Seattle

“Art, not to mention life, now seems to happen primarily in liminal spaces, edited, quoted and quoted again and recontextualized, replaced, collaged, stitched together anew. / The stitching together anew is what I really care about. / The novel is dead; long live the anti-novel and the un-novel, built from scraps. / I’m not interested in collage as the refuge of the compositionally disabled. / I’m interested in collage as an evolution beyond narrative. / A great painting comes together, just barely. / These fragments I have shored against my ruins. / Collage is the primary art form of the twenty-first century.”

David Shields is professor of English at the University of Washington and the bestselling author of twenty books, including *Reality Hunger* (2010), *The Thing About Life Is That One Day You’ll Be Dead* (2008), and *Black Planet* (1999). Through provocative experiments with literary forms, Shields has helped redefine what counts as serious literature. After establishing himself as a novelist, he turned to creative nonfiction that combines textual appropriation, wide-ranging inquiry, and personally intimate subject matter. His most celebrated recent book, *Reality Hunger*, was entirely written by borrowing, redacting, and arranging found texts. Other recent books, such as *I Think You’re Totally Wrong: A Quarrel* (2015), *War Is Beautiful* (2015), and *That Thing You Do with Your Mouth: The Sexual Autobiography of Samantha Matthews as Told to David Shields* (2015), continue this path of exploration. Shields has published essays and stories in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Harper’s*, *Esquire*, *Yale Review*, *Village Voice*, *Salon*, *Slate*, *McSweeney’s*, and the *Believer*. He holds a B.A. from Brown University (Phi Beta Kappa) and an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa.

Alondra Nelson: “DNA, Race, and Reparations”

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Kane Hall 120, University of Washington, Seattle

Alondra Nelson is dean of social science and professor of sociology at Columbia University. The author of *The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation after the Genome* (2016) and the influential *Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight against Medical Discrimination* (2011), she is an interdisciplinary social scientist whose recent work traces how claims about ancestry are marshaled together with genetic analysis in a range of social ventures. She takes up these themes in several publications that are among the earliest scholarly investigations of direct-to-consumer genetic testing: “DNA Ethnicity as Black Social Action?” (*Cultural Anthropology*, 2013) and “Bio Science: Genetic Ancestry Testing and the Pursuit of African Ancestry” (*Social Studies of Science*, 2008). She is the co-editor of *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History* and *Technicolor: Race, Technology, and Everyday Life*. In 2002, she edited “Afrofuturism,” an influential special issue of *Social Text*.

Nelson’s essays, reviews, and commentary have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Science*, and the *Boston Globe*, and on National Public Radio. She holds a B.A. in anthropology from the University of California, San Diego (Phi Beta Kappa), and a Ph.D. in American studies from New York University.

Lorraine Daston: “Algorithms Before Computers: Patterns, Recipes, and Rules”

Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Kane Hall 210, University of Washington, Seattle

Lorraine Daston is director of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin and visiting professor of social thought and history at the University of Chicago. A widely respected historian of science, Daston has published on the history of probability and statistics, wonders in early modern science, the emergence of the scientific fact, scientific models, objects of scientific inquiry, the moral authority of nature, and the history of scientific objectivity. Her recent books include *How Reason Almost Lost Its Mind: The Strange Career of Cold War Rationality* (co-editor, 2014), *Histories of Scientific Observation* (co-editor, 2011), and *Objectivity* (with Peter Galison, 2010). Her current projects include the relationship between moral and natural orders and the emergence of Big Science and Big Humanities in the context of nineteenth-century archives.

Daston holds a B.A. (Phi Beta Kappa) and Ph.D. in the history of science from Harvard University.

Alpha Chapter news

Alpha Chapter invited 377 students to become members of Phi Beta Kappa this year. Many friends and family members attended the annual initiation ceremony, held June 8 in Kane Hall. It was preceded by the traditional procession across Red Square from the Gerberding Hall bell tower, where the Phi Beta Kappa key is carved in stone four times, symbolizing the University of Washington's commitment to excellence. Change-bell ringers led by Rebecca Woodgate pealed the Gordon Stuart Peek memorial bells as the initiates marched across the square. This year's featured speaker was Professor Valerie Curtis-Newton, head of performance in the School of Drama, who delivered a wonderful set of remarks entitled "Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway." She spoke about her experience as an artist and educator overcoming her own hurdles to success, encouraging students to identify their impediments and find a way to work through them. It was an inspiring talk and just the right message for students embarking on the next phase of their lives. Altogether it was a joyous evening with many proud students, parents, siblings, and friends celebrating this important milestone.

This year's President's Medals, the award given at Commencement to the two graduating seniors with the most distinguished academic records, once again went to two Phi Betes — Mustafa Abbas Jafry, a biochemistry and English major, and Forogh Bashizada, an English and political science major. (Note the common thread!)

The board elected several new members this year: Heidi Tilghman, manager of the College of Arts and Sciences Shared Services and affiliate assistant professor of Germanics; Kim Lokan, facilities services manager in Information Technology; and Scott Ickes, assistant professor of health services. Ickes comes to us from the College of William & Mary, where he was active in the chapter where it all started in 1776. We look forward to their service.



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Fall Luncheon, October 13 (RSVP by October 7)

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Submit your nominations for our Pathfinder Awards

The Pathfinder Award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key — a hand pointing to the stars. It honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. It is awarded each year at our spring luncheon.

You are invited to submit nominations for our Pathfinder Awards. Forms are available on our website, <http://psa-pbk.org>. Nominations must be submitted by January 1, 2017.

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