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**We will be publishing a Directory of all paid members in 2014. Be sure to pay your dues to be included!**

November is the start of membership renewal season for ΦΒΚΝΑ, so please remit your membership contribution using the enclosed envelope (if you received a hard-copy newsletter) or now even more easily, pay dues *via* PayPal using your own PayPal account or credit card at [www.payments.pbknca.org/](http://www.payments.pbknca.org/), or by scanning the QR code above with your Smartphone. All memberships expire on December 31, 2013, so renew (or join) now. **Membership is open to anyone who has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at any school in any state.** ΦΒΚ 2012 and 2013 graduates see the President's letter on page 2 for a free year!

Membership benefits include participation in:

- **Awards for excellent scholars** - last year's contributions provided twelve \$5,000 scholarships ([See page 4](#)).
- **Excellence-in-Teaching awards to professors** nominated by their ΦΒΚ students ([See page 5](#)).
- **Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 4, 2014\* at the Berkeley Faculty Club**, where you can meet this coming year's scholarship and teaching award recipients. [See page 6](#) for the event description.
- All contributions are **fully tax-deductible**. Membership runs for the full year January 1 to December 31, 2014; no more requests for money until this time next year if you contribute now!
- **Listing in our new 2014 Directory of Members** (Published only every three years).
- **Access to the ΦΒΚ Northern California LinkedIn** group of ΦΒΚΝΑ members only.
- **Monthly events\*** with other Phi Betes and guests. We try to provide you with a good mix of activities such as docent-led tours at our many area museums, visits to historic sites, wineries, gardens, live theater and still more. See [pages 6 - 7](#) for upcoming events.
- **Presidents' Day Weekend (Feb 14-17) conference at Asilomar** Conference Center\* (near Monterey), featuring interesting lectures, good food, great company, walks on the beach, and historic building tours. (This event is described on [page 3](#).) Sign up now. Send your deposit along with the form from page 8.
- **A newsletter** four times a year (snail or email, your choice) listing events, awards, and more.

\* **There is a charge for these events.**

Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed membership envelope and send it back with your check, or pay dues *via* PayPal using your own PayPal account or credit card at [www.payments.pbknca.org/](http://www.payments.pbknca.org/)

## From the President



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If you are a 2012 or 2013 graduate or inductee from one of the eight Northern California colleges which have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter – Mills College, Santa Clara University, San Francisco State University, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, and University of the Pacific, you receive a free membership for a year and won't need to renew until November 2014.

In 2014 we will publish a Directory of Members listing every dues-paying member. This cross-referenced directory list members by name (of course) and also by school, initiation name and city. Be sure we have your email address so we can confirm the accuracy of your directory entry.

Every membership contribution is totally tax-deductible. Your generosity enables us to fund Graduate Student scholarships and Teaching Excellence awards, presented at our Annual Dinner in May. We do NOT receive any funds from the Phi Beta Kappa Society in Washington, D.C., and a donation to them does not confer membership in our Association.

As an active (dues-paying or first-year-free) member, you'll be able to enjoy monthly activities in various sites around the Bay Area. First Vice President (Programs) Judy Hardardt has a wonderful array of excursions, theater performances, and behind-the-scenes visits planned. You'll meet other ΦBKNCA members and discover hidden treasures in our own backyard. Join us over Presidents' Weekend (14-17 February 2014) at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove for our annual retreat weekend. Deirdre Frontczak is rounding up a fascinating panoply of speakers to educate and entertain us.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our activities, so I may thank you in person for supporting our Association. Our loyal members are what make ΦBKNCA a superb organization.

### Go Green — Get the ΦBK Newsletter Online

Help us go green by signing up for the ΦBKNCA newsletter online. Simply put a checkmark in the box on the membership form and give us your email address or **Go to** [www.pbknca.org/1013](http://www.pbknca.org/1013). Why switch?

Here are just a few of the benefits of a digital newsletter:

- Save the Association a lot of money for scholarships-\$2500 if everyone switched!
- Earlier delivery than the printed edition
- Download anytime, read anywhere
- Paperless, clutter-free archiving
- Save trees and landfills
- Adjustable font size for easy reading
- Advanced search capacity
- Live links within the newsletter and to web content
- Full-color pictures

Mary Turner Gilliland, President

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**ΦBKNCA 28th Annual Asilomar Conference, Pacific Grove, CA  
Presidents' Day Weekend, February 14-17, 2014. Deadline December 15, 2013**



**Don't miss this great event. Send the form from page 8, along with your deposit, now.**

Reserve your space now! This year's conference promises provocative and engaging topics ranging from film studies to astrobiology to sexuality in the antebellum South. Phi Betes are nothing if not eclectic! **For more information and updates see our website at [www.pbknca.org/asilomar.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm](http://www.pbknca.org/asilomar.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm)**

As always, the Asilomar conference is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones; to explore exciting new ideas, while revisiting familiar – but breathtaking – surroundings. If you have friends who have never joined you at this event, by all means invite them. Last year's guests commented on exhilarating conversations, inspiring presenters, delicious meals and of course the spectacular natural grounds. A weekend not to be missed.

Speakers scheduled for this year include:

**Dr. Mira Kopell**, (Teaching Excellence Awardee, 2013), “Dead, for a ducat, dead!” *Directing the Camera: A Study of 6 Hamlets*. J. Mira Kopell is a Professor with the UC Berkeley Department of Film and Media, and has also taught screenwriting and production at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and The New School in New York City. This lecture explores the film director's craft by analyzing six different movie versions of the same scene from Hamlet.

**Michael McGinnis**, creator of the award-winning Perplexus line of games – often called “The World's Smartest Toys” – will speak about his remarkable journey from an idea to Game of The Year. Michael is a sculptor, magician, instructor of art and design at Santa Rosa Junior College, and an independent designer and curator of museum exhibits.

**Dr. Margaret McLean**, Director of Bioethics at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. Dr. McLean combines backgrounds in science and ethics that have made her a leading commentator and consultant on the ethical dimension of advances in medicine and biotechnology. Dr. McLean has written extensively on the ethical implications of genetics and cloning, and on ethical issues related to end-of-life care.

**David Seaborg** is an evolutionary biologist and founder / President of the World Rainforest Fund, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to saving the earth's tropical rainforests and biodiversity. His talk explores the rate of species extinction worldwide, which occurs today at 1,000 to 10,000 times the historical background rate. Seaborg identifies three main causes: habitat destruction, introduction of exotic species from one area to another, and global climate change.

**Dr. Lynn Rothschild**, of NASA Ames Research Center and Stanford University, has been instrumental in developing the field of [astrobiology](#). Founder of the Astrobiology Science Conferences (AbSciCon) and organizer of the first three, co-editor of the International Journal of Astrobiology, and former director of the Astrobiology Strategic Analysis and Support Office for NASA, she is currently focused on research in astrobiology and synthetic biology.

**Dr. Alison Weiss**, Lecturer in History at University of California, Berkeley and recipient of ΦBKNCA scholarship award for 2012. Dr. Weiss shares her research challenging the notion that antebellum interracial relationships were generally rare or at least unofficial and socially taboo.

**John M. Klink**, Topic to be announced.

Registration information is on page 4

Registration is \$100 per person paid directly to ΦBKNCA (mostly tax-deductible, it covers our conference expenses and boosts our scholarship fund). Housing and meals for the three nights and four days are handled separately by Asilomar (approximately \$460 per person, double occupancy). We will send you that information when you register.

**Sign up now. Send your deposit along with the form from page 8 (or get the form online [here](#))** For more details, watch the website, or contact Deirdre Frontczak, Asilomar Chair, 707-546-4238, [dfrontczak@santarosa.edu](mailto:dfrontczak@santarosa.edu).

*Deirdre Frontczak, Asilomar Chair*

### **Chapter Liaison needs ΦBK Ambassadors**

**C**alling all members, or perhaps only three, who want to welcome new initiates to the Northern California Association. Each year, in the spring, someone from ΦBKNCA goes to local universities to welcome new initiates to Phi Beta Kappa and to let them know that they have a one-year membership in the Northern California Association for free. We also inform them about scholarships for graduate students attending our local universities, and we invite them to nominate a professor for a Teaching Excellence award.

We need volunteers to welcome students at UC Santa Cruz, Mills College, and the University of the Pacific. If you are interested in being a ΦBKNCA ambassador to those schools, please contact Melissa Getz, [melissa@melgetz.com](mailto:melissa@melgetz.com), and let her know you are interested.

*Melissa Getz, Chapter Liaison Chair*

### **Looking for someone to manage social networking**

**D**o you have a penchant for engaging people in conversations? Do you wish ΦBKNCA had a presence on Facebook, and can envision what it would look like? Do you get excited about social media? If you want to help ΦBKNCA reach out to members who are active in the virtual world, we want your talent! As you know we've ventured into LinkedIn, but there are many other ways people are communicating with each other and are making valuable connections without leaving the comfort of their homes.

We are looking for individuals who are skilled in organizing virtual communities to help with our conversations at LinkedIn, maintain the approval of members at LinkedIn, and help explore other areas where ΦBKNCA can logically go to help members get to know each other better. Some of the most talented people you'll ever meet are ΦBKNCA members, and yet it seems we get to experience each others' individual gifts (and quirks) too infrequently. We need someone who can write well and can manage social networking outlets, so that we can expand our network as opportunities to connect become available. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, please contact Melissa Getz ([melissa@melgetz.com](mailto:melissa@melgetz.com)) or Ray Hendess ([social@rayhendess.com](mailto:social@rayhendess.com)) for more information.

*Melissa Getz, Chapter Liaison Chair*

**Awarded at the Annual Dinner - May 5, 2013 at the UC Berkeley Faculty Club  
This is where your contributions go!**

### **Scholarship Awards 2013**



Sarah Broderick



Andrew Chang



Carrie Cizauskas



Rachel Denison



Josef Nguyen



Edward Pham



Alison Weiss



Carly Whelan

In fulfillment of its mission to encourage scholarship and research, the Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association has honored the following outstanding Phi Beta Kappa graduate students with \$5000 scholarship awards to assist them in completing their educational objectives:



Andrew Chang, Stanford, Chemistry / Bioengineering (Elizabeth B. Reed Awardee)

Abigail Andrews, UC Berkeley, Sociology  
 Emily Brault, UC Santa Cruz, Ocean Sciences  
 Sarah Broderick, San Francisco State University, Creative Writing  
 Andrew Chang, Stanford, Chemistry/Bioengineering (Elizabeth B. Reed Awardee)  
 Carrie Cizauskas, UC Berkeley, Environmental Science, Policy, and Management  
 Rachel Denison, UC Berkeley, Neuroscience  
 Talya Meyers, Stanford, English  
 Josef Nguyen, UC Davis, English  
 Edward Pham, Stanford, Medicine/Microbiology and Immunology  
 Aidan Tait, UC San Francisco/UC Berkeley, Joint Medical Program  
 Alison Weiss, UC Berkeley, History  
 Carly Whelan, UC Davis, Anthropology

Scholarship Committee members: Joanne Sandstrom (Chair), Jeff Fenton, Lynne Fovinci, Jean James, Gerry Richards

### Teaching Excellence Nominations Due November 30, 2013

**N**ow is the time to nominate a teacher who was instrumental in your development for the  $\Phi$ BKNCA Teaching Excellence Award. Nominations for the May 2014 Teaching Excellence Awards close on November 30, 2013. The nomination form is available on our website, [www.pbknca.org/teaching/](http://www.pbknca.org/teaching/), and can be sent directly to Narcinda Lerner from there.

Phi Beta Kappa is dedicated to the cultivation of scholarship, and we know that we would not have great scholars if we did not have great teacher/scholars. Unfortunately, in the present political climate teachers have been the targets of a great deal of unjustified criticism. This hardly encourages young people to go into teaching, nor does it encourage those in the profession to continue – especially since the best of them can always go off and do something else. **One small thing that each of us can do to encourage the best in teaching is to nominate an excellent teacher for an award.**

### Teaching Excellence Awards 2013

**K**eenly aware of the great worth of learning and of the extraordinary gifts, diligence, and amplitude of spirit that mark the best in teaching, the Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association takes pleasure in conferring its 2013 Teaching Excellence Awards upon these distinguished teachers:



Terri Bimes, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley



J. Mira Kopell, Department of Film and Media Studies, University of California, Berkeley



Richard Mitchell, Department of Mathematics, University of California, Santa Cruz



Patricia Plude, Department of Music, Santa Clara University



Priya Mariana Shimpi, Department of Education, Mills College

Teaching Excellence Committee members:  
 Narcinda Lerner (Chair), Nick Benavides, Kate Maeder, Douglas Minnis, Kimberly Pennington

*Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair*

## Upcoming Events

**B**e sure to read this important information about our enrollment, refund and cancellation policies. Most events can accommodate you and any friends or family you'd like to bring along. Occasionally an event will have a limited enrollment, in which case we may not be able to accommodate more than one member and one guest per enrollment. Refunds may be available unless ΦBKNCA will lose scholarship money — that is, unless we are financially committed, based on your enrollment, to an organization at which the event will be held. If we can find someone to fill your space, we may be able to refund your payment, but that is not always possible. Members who do not come to an event for which they have registered will not receive a refund. The ΦBKNCA Board is most grateful to those who prefer to donate the program fee to the scholarship program in lieu of a refund. You will not receive written confirmation of your reservation for the events. Directions are given below and are also available from the event websites, Google.com, your GPS, or on the day of the event, by calling Judy at (707) 696-9498.



### **Sandhill Crane Wetland Tour Announcement follow-up; in January, date TBA**

If you remain interested in the tour of the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve in January, please email or call Judy Hardardt ([hardardtj@gmail.com](mailto:hardardtj@gmail.com) or 707-696-9498) before November 8. The tour will take

place in mid-January but sign-ups with the California Fish and Wildlife Department cannot be done until the middle of November. Once I've been able to get us signed up, you will be emailed (and an announcement posted on the ΦBKNCA web site) so that you can confirm you'll be able to attend. No information as to cost per person is available so far.



### **John Steinbeck's *Of Mice & Men* - Sunday, March 30, 2014**

"got you to look after me...and you got me to look after you."

We return to the Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma for Steinbeck's masterpiece. Directed by Sheri Lee Miller, the play is a bittersweet tale about friendship and hope. Lenny and

George can't count on anything except each other. Working on a ranch, they save their dimes and dream of buying their own farm... but the boss and his flirtatious wife could spoil it all. Don't miss joining us for this touching portrait of two underdogs in pursuit of the American dream.

"Painfully honest... *Of Mice and Men* packs a punch!" – Back Stage

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 20

Deadline: March 7, 2014

Fee: \$25.00

Directions: **Heading North on US 101:** Take the fourth Petaluma exit (Old Redwood Hwy. & Penngrove). Turn Left at the stoplight, cross over the freeway onto Petaluma Blvd. North. Go through the next two stoplights. Go through the intersection at the third stoplight (Skillman Lane). Our entrance is the steep and narrow driveway under the marquee on the right immediately past Skillman Lane.

**Heading South on US 101:** Take the first Petaluma exit (Petaluma Blvd. N. & Penngrove). Turn right at the stoplight onto Petaluma Blvd. North. Go through the next stoplight. Go through the intersection at the second stoplight (Skillman Ln.). Our entrance is the steep and narrow driveway under the marquee on the right immediately past Skillman Lane.

**Heading North on Petaluma Blvd. from downtown:** It is hard to see our marquee when you are traveling in this direction. Watch for Skillman Lane/Corona Road. Make a U-turn at the stoplight for Skillman Lane and immediately get on the right side of the road. Our entrance is the steep and narrow driveway under the marquee on the right immediately past Skillman. <http://www.cinnabartheater.org/2/directions.cinnabar.theater.html>



### **ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner - Sunday, May 4, 2014**

It is time for you to put this coming year's

ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on your calendars!

Our meeting in May will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at The Faculty Club on the campus of UC Berkeley. As you are aware, the annual meeting is the occasion when we celebrate ΦBKNCA's primary mission and award scholarships and teaching excellence awards to deserving scholars and professors, with the objectives of enhancing the scholars' educational and research activities and honoring those in their teaching of our next generation.

For those of you who have not been able to come to the Annual Dinner before, we encourage you to do so. In meeting some of these outstanding honorees and learning about their academic interests (as well as renewing old friendships and perhaps getting more involved in our vibrant organization, ΦBKNCA), you will be able to more fully appreciate the value of the programs we offer throughout the year, the funds generated through the Asilomar conference, the many monthly events and the direct contributions you make!

Enjoy the food, wine and, best of all, wonderful fellowship of kindred spirits. Social hour begins at 4:00 pm with a cash bar; dinner, including your choice of entrées (seafood, chicken, vegetarian), white or red house wine, will be served at 5:00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be served with dessert.

**Date:** Sunday, May 4, 2014

**Deadline:** Monday, April 14, 2014

**Time:** 4-8 pm

**Cost** (Per Person including tax, gratuities, parking): \$65.00

### Coupons

Please print legibly and print name of tour on check as well. **No acknowledgements will be sent.**

If you subsequently can't make an event, others may be waiting. Kindly notify

Judy Hardardt: home (530) 297-7150; cell, day of event (707) 696-9498.

Cinnabar Theater – *Of Mice and Men*

Sunday, March 30, 2014, 2:00 pm

Deadline March 7, 2014

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail coupon and payment to:

Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Sunday, May 4, 2014, 4 – 8 pm

Deadline April 14, 2014

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner selection:

# Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

# Seafood \_\_\_\_\_

# Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail coupon and payment to:

Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

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**ΦBK at Asilomar February 14-17, 2014**

Deadline for Reservations: December 15, 2013

Registration fee: # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100/person= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to PBKNCA

Mail to: Barry Haskell, 1190 Fairbrook Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040

Questions? Call Deirdre Frontczak at 707 546-4238

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Where initiated to ΦBK (For your nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (essential!) \_\_\_\_\_