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From the President



I am writing this missive in Spring 2022, with no idea what the coming months may bring. COVID continues to ebb and flow; while most people seem to be cautious (I still wear a mask when with those whom I don't know well), others appear to have tossed caution to the wind. Please stay safe!

During this year, PBKNCA will host virtual and in-person visits to remarkable sites around our "neck of the woods," sign-ups for which are available on our website, PBKNCA.com, and in our Newsletter. Planning all our events is a big job, so we have asked a few people to do one event each to take some of the burden off O'Neil. If you would be interested and willing to plan an event (with our help) please contact O'Neil at oneilsdillon@gmail.com. Our Young Professionals section leader, Alex Casendino, received an opportunity out of the area and is leaving us. We wish him well, and we welcome Whitney Roeder and Joy Wang as co-leaders in his stead.

I regret that we shan't be holding our Awards Luncheon this year, but we have received videos from most of our awardees, and they are amazing! See the students and teachers discuss their work by clicking SCHOLARSHIP and/or TEACHING at PBKNCA.com.

Our entire Board of Directors has volunteered to re-up for the 2022-23 year, and they were re-elected by email vote in April. Their names and contact information are printed in this issue. I give my sincere thanks to all of our Board members for their service during the angst-fraught 2021-22 year. If you should have a yen to serve our Association in the future as a Board Member, please let me know at mltg@aol.com. We can probably match a job to your interests and qualifications. There are also opportunities for one-off activities such as helping with tours/visits, perhaps actual but definitely virtual.

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I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming activities, and I thank you for your continued support of Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association.
Mary Turner Gilliland President 2011-2023.

Twelve Scholars and Four Teachers Honored April, 2022

In lieu of the Annual Meeting, we have asked awardees to make videos of their “Annual Meeting Talk.” The videos are available on our website: Go to pbknca.com/, then use the menu bar at the top, click on Scholarship or Teaching. Or click on the names below, which are linked to the website.

The Scholarship Awards for 2022

In fulfillment of its mission to encourage scholarship and research, the Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association is honoring the following outstanding Phi Beta Kappa graduate students with \$10,000 scholarship awards to assist them in completing their educational objectives:

[Feyaad Allie](#), Stanford University, Political Science
[Daniel Friedman](#), UC Berkeley, History
[Linda Kinstler](#), UC Berkeley, Rhetoric ([Hardardt Award](#))
[Alan Kong](#), UC San Francisco Medical Doctorate (studying glaucoma) ([Hendess Award](#))
[Rebecca Nelson](#), UC Davis, Ecology
[Ryan Page](#), UC Santa Cruz, Film & Digital Media
[Elizabeth Postema](#), UC Davis, Animal Behavior
[Maria-Fatima Santos](#), UC Berkeley, Sociology ([Gilliland Award](#))
[Hope Schwartz](#), UC San Francisco. Medicine M.D., ([Reed Award](#))
[Vannessa Velez](#), Stanford University, History, ([Norall Award](#))
[Sarah Wilker](#), Stanford University, Classics
[Madeline Wyse](#), UC Berkeley, Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures

The Scholarship Committee: Jeff Fenton, Lynne Fovinci, Judith Hardardt, Jean James, Joanne Sandstrom (Chair)

The Teaching Excellence Awards for 2022

The Teaching Excellence Award, given to teachers nominated by their students, consists of a Certificate and a \$1000 honorarium. This year we gave four Teaching Excellence Awards to faculty members from three different universities; former students nominated these professors for their outstanding abilities. It is not too early to nominate a teacher who had a significant impact on your life for the 2023 Teaching Excellence Award; see the Teaching Excellence Awards below.

[Michael Dylan Foster](#), Ph.D., Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Professor and Chair, UC Davis
[Laura D. Gutiérrez](#), Ph.D., Dept. of History, Assistant Professor, University of the Pacific
[Claire Waters](#), Ph.D., ([Hasenkamp Award](#)) Dept. of English, Affiliated Faculty - Program in Classics, Dept. of French and Italian, Professor and Chair, UC Davis
[Clancy Wilmott](#), Ph.D., Dept. of Geography and Berkeley Center for New Media, Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley.

Teaching Excellence Committee: Andrea Braga, Melisa Lasell, Melissa Stevens (Chair)

Membership Listing

Since our new database provides a directory list of all members, we are no longer listing members in the newsletter. To see the whole list, or find a certain person, or update your own information, sign into [PBKNCA.com](https://pbknca.com) using your email address, and click on Directory (note, the Directory will not show if you are not signed in as a member).

Upcoming Events

Currently, the Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association requires proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for attendance at any and all events. This may change as the Covid situation changes. Watch the website <https://pbknca.com> and your email. Full vaccination is defined as completion of the two-dose regimen of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, plus a booster, administered two weeks or more in advance of the event. A well-fitting N95 or KF94 mask for all indoor activities (except while eating) is also required. We do not recommend the KN95 masks, as there are many fakes on the market. **Cloth masks, bandanas, or neck gaiters are not acceptable. Face masks must completely cover the nose and mouth. A well fitted mask has no gaps between the face and mask, such as above the nose or at the sides.** <https://pbknca.com/Attendee-Safety>

Full event information, and means of credit card payment or a form with which to send a check are available on our website <https://pbknca.com/Events/>. If you want to register for an event but don't have Internet access, please contact O'Neil at oneilsdillon@gmail.com.

If you won't be able to make an event, contact O'Neil Dillon at oneilsdillon@gmail.com ASAP, or if it is the day of the event call him at 510-207-8761, as there may be others on the waiting list who will then be able to take your place.

No-shows do NOT receive a refund!

Wayne Thiebaud, retrospective exhibit, Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, private guided tour. Wednesday, June 8, 10:00 AM



Wayne Thiebaud was among the most noted artists of our time, elevating ordinary objects to fine art. His paintings of cakes, pies and ice cream cones graced the covers of *The New Yorker* for a half-century. However, his body of work was far more expansive, including landscapes of Yosemite and streetscapes of San Francisco. He was a professor of art at the University of California, Davis (he practically founded the department), and he lived in Sacramento.

The Crocker presented an exhibit marking his 100th birthday in 2020, but it was on display for only a short time because of the pandemic. He died on Christmas Day 2021, and so the Crocker is reprising the exhibit as *Wayne Thiebaud: A Celebration*. The exhibition represents the artist's work in all media, with pieces drawn from the Crocker's holdings and from the collection of the Thiebaud family — many of which had never been shown publicly until this show. We will have two docents guiding us in groups of ten. Your admission also allows you to explore the extraordinary Crocker Museum of Art at your leisure.

Go to <https://pbknca.com/event-4700152> for information and to register.

Date: Wednesday June 8 at 10:00 AM. **Limit:** 20 **Fee:** \$25

Location: Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street, Sacramento (corner of 3rd and O streets, downtown Sacramento near I-5 and Highway 50 exits). **Parking:** Lots and metered spaces are nearby. **Meet at the Crocker Museum ticket desk.** **Accessibility:** The Crocker Art Museum is fully ADA accessible and barrier-free.

PBKNCA on-site contact: Jim & Lori Richardson, who will meet you inside the museum

For more information about the exhibit: <https://www.crockerart.org/exhibitions/wayne-thiebaud>

Private Docent-Led Tour: The Marine Mammal (Rescue) Center. Saturday, August 27, 2022, 11:30 am



The mission to expand knowledge about marine mammals—their health and that of their ocean environment—and to inspire their global conservation is the overriding objective for the hard-working people at the Marine Mammal Center. Their core work is the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured marine mammals, supported by state-of-the-art animal care and research facilities, a corps of dedicated volunteers and an engaged community.

We will have a docent-led tour of the state-of-the-art facility, escorted through this unique outdoor animal rehabilitation hospital, having our questions answered and learning the stories of the current patients. We will view seal and sea lion patients and learn how the hospital functions, look into key areas such as the fish kitchen, chart room, laboratory and post-mortem (optional). Depending on the number and type of patients we have onsite, we may be able to watch animal care crews in action preparing and offering food, cleaning pens, and helping with medical procedures, and observe technicians doing laboratory analyses. Hands-on experiences with rescue equipment and touching pelts enhance the tour and highlight the characteristics, behavior, and adaptations of the seal and sea lion patients.

Go to <https://pbknca.com/event-4820428> for information and to register.

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Time: 11:30 am

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 15

Deadline: August 15, 2022

Fee: \$20.00 (half to be donated to TMMC)

Location: 2000 Bunker Rd, Sausalito, CA 94965. Directions are on our website at <https://pbknca.com/event-4820428>.

PBKNCA Book Club



There is an ongoing virtual book club open to interested members.

Vaccination, booster and mask may be required, but may be changed as needed later.

Contact Program VP O'Neil Dillon at oneilsdillon@gmail.com

35th Annual Asilomar Conference Feb 17–20, 2023



More details are posted about this wonderful event online at <https://pbknca.com/event-4695002>. It is not too early to sign up now for 2023!

Deirdre Frontczak, Asilomar Chair

We have plans for additional events, but the arrangements are not yet finalized. Watch your email and/or check the website PBKNCA.com

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