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## From The President

Dear Fellow Phi Betes,

Now that the election dust has somewhat settled and the holiday rush is not yet in full swing, please take a moment to renew your membership in ΦBKNCA since all current memberships expire on December 31, 2008. You may have sent a check to National this year, but unfortunately that does not give you membership in the Northern California Association. (See "Membership Fact Sheet", page 3 in this newsletter.) Hint: If you did not receive a September newsletter, it was because you had not paid your 2008 dues.

**Every membership is significant. Please take time today to return the enclosed envelope with your 2009 dues and donations.**

Why should you part with \$30 to renew your ΦBKNCA membership, or even contribute more? Membership in our Association offers you an opportunity to help fund scholarships and teaching excellence awards; meet new people; attend enjoyable, intellectually stimulating programs; and benefit from being part of an award-winning organization. Membership contributions and participation in our programs are fundamental to our success. Since we are a 501c3, contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Because volunteers run our Association, most of your contributions benefit our scholarship and teaching excellence recipients (We do have expenses for printing and mailing). Your generous support in 2008 enabled us to award nine \$5,000 graduate scholarships and four \$500 teaching excellence honoraria. A list of these extraordinarily talented academics appears below and on page 2 of this newsletter. In these challenging financial times, our deserving graduate students need your help more than ever.

**New member? The first 50 new members who join at the \$50 or above level will receive, at no extra cost, the very valuable 2008 Directory of Membership.** This 56-page booklet contains the names, addresses, schools, and emails, of nearly 1200 Association members. With listings by last name, school, initiation name, and city, you can easily find long-lost friends, Phi Betes in your neighborhood, or members who went to your school.

*Jean Ellen James, President*

### Scholarship Awards

<b>Manisha Bahl*</b> – UCSF – Medicine	<b>Joanna Nelson</b> – UC Santa Cruz – Environmental Studies
<b>Matthew Fujita</b> – UC Berkeley – Integrative Biology	<b>Veena Singla</b> – UCSF – Cell Biology
<b>Lauren McGeoch</b> – UC Davis – Ecology	<b>Jessica Walter</b> – UC Berkeley – Physics
<b>Elizabeth McGuire</b> – UC Berkeley – History	<b>Leslie Wang</b> – UC Berkeley – Sociology
<b>Victor Menaldo</b> – Stanford – Political Science	<i>Joanne Sandstrom, Third Vice-President, Scholarships</i>

\*Elizabeth B. Reed Scholarship

### Teaching Excellence Awards

**Dr. John G. Forte** – Department of Molecular and Cell Biology – UC Berkeley  
**Dr. Arthur Havenner** – Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics – UC Davis  
**Dr. Garrison Sposito** – College of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental  
 Science, Policy and Management – UC Berkeley  
**Dr. Elizabeth Tallent** – English Department – Stanford  
*Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair*

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## About the Scholarship Awardees

This year, ΦBKNCA awarded \$5,000 scholarships to nine out of twenty-three applicants from our nine Northern California schools. Our thanks to the scholarship committee: **Jeff Fenton, Lynne Fovinci, Jean James, Gerry Richards and Joanne Sandstrom.**

**Manisha Bahl**, E.B. Reed Scholarship, UC San Francisco (Medicine), is working on a new, non-invasive method of diagnosing non-alcoholic fatty-liver disease, a common cause of chronic liver disease in North America. A goal of future work is to lead efforts in immunology and to shape policy related to biomedical research. Manisha also has a passion for patient care, especially in providing care to the medically underserved (exhibited in her work in free clinics) and for teaching (exhibited in her development of an interactive learning module for teaching anatomy and radiology in the first-year medical school curriculum). Her letters of recommendation cite her humility and kindness, creativity, originality, dedication, and initiative.

**Matthew Fujita**, UC Berkeley (Integrative Biology), is studying asexual Australian geckos, whose existence represents a major conundrum in evolutionary biology. Such research can provide critical insight on the origin and evolution of many genetic mutations that induce pathological disease. Outreach is also important to Matthew: he developed lessons for a seventh-grade biology curriculum at Adams Middle School in Richmond, a school serving a largely Hispanic and disadvantaged population. His letters of recommendation cite his dedication, deep motivation, rigor and passion about communicating science to multiple audiences.

**Lauren McGeoch**, UC Davis (Ecology), is focusing on habitat edges, on understanding the nature, causes, and consequences of edge interactions, especially important as habitats worldwide become more fragmented. Results of her study in Kenya have important, non-intuitive implications for plant community ecology, livestock productivity, and biodiversity conservation. Lauren was on the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Women's All-American Team; she hiked the entire Pacific Crest Trail in 2005. Her letters of recommendation cite her focus, efficiency, curiosity, computer sophistication, talent – and guts.

**Elizabeth McGuire**, UC Berkeley (History), is exploring the relationship between the Russian and Chinese revolutions through the experiences of individual Chinese Communists in the Soviet Union. Her study shows the mismatched assumptions between the two revolutions. It is based on archival research and interviews with children of famous international revolutionaries who were sent to school at the Interdom – opened in 1933 and still operating. Her work renders "the Sino-Soviet romance" useful to international, cross-cultural, or comparative scholars seeking to conceptualize this relationship. Letters of recommendation

cite her diligence, conceptual acuity, creativity, resourcefulness, fearless enthusiasm, and tact.

**Victor Menaldo**, Stanford (Political Science), is conducting research that challenges the Tocquevillian thesis that extending the franchise in unequal societies shifts the decisive voter to the left, causing redistribution of wealth. His study also overturns conventional wisdom: in the long run, he has found, there is no relationship between natural resource reliance and authoritarianism. "Democracy in and of itself may not be the panacea for remedying inequality that it has been purported to be." Instead, populist politicians, unable to raise taxes on the wealthy, raise revenue by expanding the money supply, thereby causing inflation. "The ultimate result is a cruel irony: democratization trends to worsen income inequality." Letters of recommendation cite his creativity, energy, enthusiasm, and sense of humor.

**Joanna Nelson**, UC Santa Cruz (Environmental Studies), is studying the interactions of nitrogen pollution and sea-level rise in salt marsh habitats, investigating the multiple drivers of ecological change, and incorporating different knowledge systems to shed light on the changes. Joanne examines the linked roles of biological diversity and cultural diversity, connecting scientific knowledge with local knowledge. In her teaching role, she designed and taught "Pathways from Research to Conservation" at the Hopkins Marine Station. Letters of recommendation cite her remarkable research intuition, adeptness at spotting flaws in thinking (including that of her professors), energy, creativity, and patience.

**Veena Singla**, UC San Francisco (Cell Biology), is studying stem cell models of disease to uncover the molecular bases by which mutations result in disease, thereby – it is hoped – providing insight into the development of novel treatments. As a teaching assistant for UCSF biochemistry classes, she designed interactive and engaging lessons – for example, having students pretend to be base pairs of DNA undergoing a repair mechanism. For such ingenuity, she was awarded the UCSF Richard Fineberg Memorial Teaching Award. Letters of recommendation cite her exceptional talent, initiative, and tenacity, and her quirky, outside-the-box way of looking at problems.

**Jessica Walter**, UC Berkeley (Physics), is studying cellular metabolism and the balance of energy in living cells. At the beginning of her studies at Berkeley, she had to set up her own lab on campus, where her advisor wasn't yet a faculty member. As a result of this early research, scientists can now directly influence the organisms they wish to study in order to test their hypotheses. Jessica is co-inventor of (patented) biologically derived nanorobots and their use. She is the recipient of several teaching awards. Letters of recommendation cite her intelligence, independence, creativity, and willingness to take risks.

**Leslie Wang**, UC Berkeley (Sociology), is studying the "missing children" in China in an era of "high quality" citizens. As a result of the state's population policies, healthy "excess" daughters and disabled or special-needs children (mostly boys) have been abandoned. Whereas the healthy girls have been adopted by affluent Westerners, the vast majority of special-needs children will remain in orphanages - some run by the state, some by Western evangelical Christian NGOs.

The study analyzes the issues that emerge when processes of globalization enable Westerners to become embedded in the local dynamics and politics of developing countries. Letters of recommendation cite her depth of sociological insight, analytical intelligence, thorough empirical work, and strong motivation.

*Joanne Sandstrom, Third Vice-President, Scholarships*

## **A Fact Sheet and Invitation to Join or Renew your Association Membership for 2009**

**A common question about membership:** "Haven't I already joined the Association? I sent a check to Phi Beta Kappa in Washington, D.C." To clear up the confusion implicit in this question, here is a brief primer on the differences between the national Phi Beta Kappa Society and our Northern California Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

### **The Phi Beta Kappa Society (ΦBK) in Washington, D.C.**

Once you are initiated into Phi Beta Kappa - usually in your senior year in college - you become a lifetime member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The Society sends out yearly solicitations for donations and sustaining memberships in order to maintain its services at the national level. It also publishes a newsletter called *The Key Reporter*. The Society's website at [www.pbk.org](http://www.pbk.org) provides an excellent source of additional information about the national organization.

### **Phi Beta Kappa, Northern California Association (ΦBKNCA)**

Today there are 61 active ΦBK alumni associations across the nation that support the aims of the national Society by promoting the value of a liberal arts education and awarding scholarships. Our Association, ΦBKNCA, ranks among the top in the nation, not only in the size of our membership, but also in the number of social activities we sponsor and in the amount of scholarship money that we distribute each year. National recognized our efforts by an award at the 2003 Triennial, and our Asilomar Conference (see page 6) has been featured in articles in the 2006 summer and fall issues of *The Key Reporter*. You can learn more about us and what we do by visiting our website at [www.pbknca.org](http://www.pbknca.org).

### **Our primary goals are twofold:**

**\* Recognizing excellence in teaching by honoring professors who have been nominated by former students belonging to ΦBK.** This past April at our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner we awarded certificates and honoraria to four outstanding professors.

**\* Helping outstanding graduate students by granting scholarships.** In addition to honoring the professors, we awarded \$45,000 in scholarships to nine deserving students. (Both the professors and the students are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.)

**Our Board consists of hard-working, dedicated, and talented volunteers who run ΦBKNCA. Unlike National, we have no paid employees. That means the only significant costs we need to cover are postage and printing of our newsletters and, every three years, a directory. Therefore, we are able to put our members' dues and donations fully into our scholarship and teaching excellence funds.**

We also offer our members opportunities to get together socially, often for private tours of educational or cultural institutions. (See pages 4-7 of this newsletter for examples of both our tour offerings and our wonderful Asilomar Conference.) All of our events serve as social opportunities, as well as fundraisers for our scholarship program.

Any Phi Beta Kappa member - even if initiated at a university in another state - is welcome to join the Northern California Association. In fact, many of our most active members were initiated into ΦBK at a college outside of California, so we would be delighted to get to know you!

**Please join ΦBKNCA in 2009 by sending in the enclosed membership envelope.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

Members may request a copy of the FY 07-08 Financial Report by mailing a #10 pre-addressed and stamped (42¢) envelope to the Treasurer, Mary Turner Gilliland, at 1040 Tehama Avenue; Menlo Park, CA 94025-1742.

## Membership Chair Needed

Letitia Sanders, who has done an outstanding job for our Association for the past 9 years as Third Vice President, Membership, is relinquishing her job. Therefore, we are looking for a replacement for her to begin in July 2009. This person needs to have a PC (or Mac that can boot to Windows) and have some familiarity with Microsoft Access (we can supply Access if you don't have a copy). Although there are over 2500 members in our database, we have only about 1300 active files. After the November newsletter requesting membership renewal is delivered, your busy season begins, requiring about 10 hours a week December through April to receive our membership envelopes, record dues and contributions, and pass this information and money on to the treasurer. In addition, you will work closely with the newsletter chair to produce mailing lists from Access not only for the newsletter, but for other communications as well.

After the busy winter and spring season, the job requires about two hours weekly to update records and respond promptly to emails from fellow board members, the national society and the public. Finally, as a board member, you would be expected to attend Saturday morning board meetings every other month.

Please think about volunteering for this position, keeping in mind that it will require 10 hours a week for a few months, in addition to your normal work-week activities. It is vital to our Association. (And the good news is that Letitia will be on hand at the beginning to help you get started, and our newsletter chair, Ray, will also be available for consultation.)

If you are interested, contact Marvin Richards, Nominating Committee Chair, [drmarvlarichards@comcast.net](mailto:drmarvlarichards@comcast.net)

## Directory Corrections

Please attach the following corrections to your copy of the 2008 Association Directory. We apologize for the errors.

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## Upcoming Events



**Blackhawk Automotive Museum - Saturday, January 7, 2009. Deadline: December 17, 2008.**

The Blackhawk Museum, opened in 1988, showcases about 90 cars, many of which are on loan from Museum friends worldwide. These automotive treasures are a car-lover's dream, blending art, technology, culture and history, including a treasure of coachbuilt cars.

Cars frequently arrive at the Museum after they have been exhibited at the Pebble Beach *Concours d'Élégance* each August. Thus, at Blackhawk, these same cars can then be seen all year long. This concept keeps Blackhawk's exhibition diverse and ever-changing; in recent years Museum visitors have seen such spectacular Pebble Beach

entrants as a 1903 Mors J. Rothschild & Fils limousine, a 1909 Winton Touring Model 17, a 1911 Mercedes Labourdette Skiff, a 1936 M.G. PB Airline Coupe, a 1968 Bizzarrini 5300 S.I. Spyder, and the 1937 Figoni et Falaschi Delahaye 135 that received Best of Show during the Pebble Beach *Concours'* 50th anniversary in 2000.

The Museum's Automotive Research Library, Shop & Bookstore are located just off the Main Lobby.

We will enjoy a docent-led tour of the Museum which will take approximately one hour; you will be free to enjoy the museum following the tour. The museum is located at the end of the Blackhawk shopping plaza, which includes an assortment of boutiques, restaurants, galleries, and many other shops. With a stream running through its manicured landscaping, from the fountain atop the Museum's plaza to the outdoor terrace of the Blackhawk Grille, the Plaza provides a unique shopping experience as well as lunch. For more information about the shopping plaza, visit the plaza website at [www.shopblackhawkplaza.com](http://www.shopblackhawkplaza.com).

**Museum website:** [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org)

**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2009

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Maximum:** 16

**Deadline:** December 17, 2008

**Fee:** \$12.00 per person

**Accessibility:** Wheelchair-accessible; wheelchairs available for use

Directions: **From San Jose area:** I-880 North toward Oakland; merge onto Mission Blvd./CA-262 toward I-680/Sacramento; I-680 N to Bollinger Cyn Rd exit, turn right at end of exit onto Bollinger Cyn Rd.; left on Dougherty Rd., right onto Crow Canyon Rd., go straight onto Blackhawk Plaza Circle.

**From San Francisco:** I-80 East over Bay Bridge; merge onto I-580 East toward CA-24; merge onto CA-24 East toward Walnut Creek; merge onto I-680 East toward San Jose/Dublin; take exit 38–Sycamore Valley Rd. east which becomes Camino Tassajara; turn left onto Blackhawk Rd.; turn right onto Blackhawk Plaza Circle.

**From North Bay:** Take either CA-37 East to I-80 West to I-780 East to I-680 South and follow directions as above from the Exit 30 point; **or**, take Richmond Bridge to I-80 West and merge onto I-580 East, following directions for San Francisco as above.

**From Sacramento area:** Take I-80 West to I-680 South; follow directions as for San Francisco, above.

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### **The New California Academy of Sciences! Friday, February 27, 2009. Deadline: February 6, 2009.**

In September 2008 the new Renzo Piano- designed academy opened its doors to rave reviews. Blending seamlessly into the

landscape of Golden Gate Park, this architectural gem is an epitome of energy efficient design, topped with a 2.5 acre living roof of native plants.

As we tour the Rainforests of the World exhibits, the Philippine Coral Reef, have a virtual African safari, visit the Morrison Planetarium and enjoy the Academy Gardens and the Living Roof, we will have Docents and Academy staff available at each point to help us get the most out of our visit. In addition, if you so choose, Audio Tours are available for \$7.00 each. We will end our visit at approximately 1 PM with "Dutch Treat" lunch at the Academy Café. After lunch, you will be on your own to continue your visit or to go home for a nap.

**Website:** [www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org)

**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2009

**Time:** 11:15 AM (please plan to be at the special Group Entrance no later than 10:45 AM)

**Minimum:** 15

**Maximum:** no limit

**Deadline:** February 6, 2009

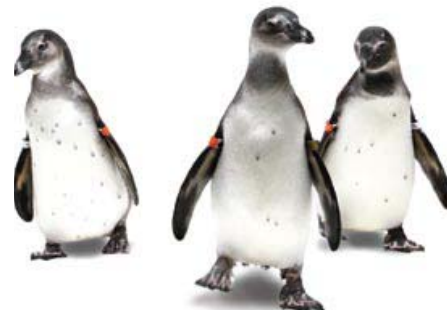
**Fee:** \$20.00 per person

#### **Directions:**

**From the North Bay/Golden Gate Bridge,** take the 19th Ave/Park Presidio Blvd exit; go through the tunnel to Park Presidio Blvd. Go two miles (7 blocks) to Cabrillo St., turn right onto Cabrillo and then right again on 14th Ave. Proceed one block north to Balboa St., turn right. Cross Park Presidio Blvd. and turn right onto 8th Ave. and continue on 8th into Golden Gate Park. In the park, make a right turn and then an immediate left. The academy will be to your left. For surface access to the Academy, turn right on 8th Ave., across Fulton St. to JFK Drive. For direct access to the Concourse Parking Facility, from Balboa, turn right on 10th Ave. and continue on 10th into the parking garage.

**From the South Bay/I-280 North,** at Daly City, take Route 1 North toward 19th Ave./Golden Gate Bridge. Just past the entrance to Golden Gate Park, turn right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. At the 2nd stop sign, turn left onto Music Concourse Drive.

**From the East Bay/I-80 West,** continue on I-80 through San Francisco for about one mile, then bear right, following signs for Golden Gate Bridge/US 101 North. Follow signs for Octavia St. and Fell St. The freeway ends at Market St. Cross Market St. and go four blocks, then make a left turn to Fell St. Go 1.5 miles on Fell St. For access to the Music Concourse Parking Facility, just beyond Shrader St., bear right and turn right to Stanyan St. Go two blocks, make a left turn to Fulton St. Take Fulton to 10th Ave. and turn left into the parking facility. For surface access to the Academy, continue on Fell St. and just after Shrader St., bear left to Kezar Drive. Bear right to JFK Drive.



## ΦBKNCA 23rd Annual Asilomar Conference Presidents' Day Weekend, February 13-16, 2009. Deadline December 1, 2008.

### “Change in American Life: Past, Present, and Future”

Come to our annual conference, have fun, stimulate your intellect, relax, and contribute to ΦBKNCA graduate student fellowships. We strive to enjoy ourselves, yet keep expenses low so that most of our registration fee, the majority of which is tax deductible, goes to fund at least two fellowships.

If you are new to ΦBK or Northern California, you are especially welcome. Dress is casual. Do not be concerned about the weather. February's occasional showers do not deter us. In addition to the program, there is time to explore the Monterey Aquarium and other attractions in the area. You may come late and leave early. You may even skip parts of the program. No one takes attendance or gives exams.

Our program, “Change in American Life: Past, Present, and Future” includes a number of outstanding speakers:

- **Mr. Peter Hannaford**, author and consultant, “The Reagan Legacy”
- **Professor LeAnn Snow Flesher**, “The *Left Behind* Series”
- **Dr. Ellen Hanak**, PPIC Research Director, “California's Future”
- **Mr. Ernest Ray**, “Industrial Ergonomics, the Intel Experience”
- **Miss Julia Morgan**, “California's First Woman Architect”
- **Ms. Sharon Burke**, Senior Fellow, CNAS, “National Security”
- **Ms. Sara Gilliland**, “Neuroscience in Physical Therapy”

This year we shall hold small group discussions on a common reading, Professor Snow's *Left Behind? The Facts behind the Fiction* (Judson Press, 2006, 160 pp. \$11.20). You may want to read this before coming to Asilomar. Following the author's remarks on Saturday morning and a break for lunch, we shall form into small groups and discuss this important work addressed to intelligent citizens. You may read the review at EthicsDaily.com ([www.ethicsdaily.com/article\\_detail.cfm?AID=7702](http://www.ethicsdaily.com/article_detail.cfm?AID=7702)) and use the list of potential discussion questions available on the ΦBKNCA website ([www.pbknca.org/Flesher.htm](http://www.pbknca.org/Flesher.htm)) as a guide to your reading.



Other events include a wine appreciation session, a docent tour of the Monarch butterfly habitat arranged by Bob and DeeDee Baronian, a tour of Asilomar's natural resources with popular Ranger Roxanne and her assistant, and “T'ai Chi Before Breakfast” every morning from 7:15 to 7:45 AM with Cynthia Fels, a popular senior trainer, certified in T'ai Chi for Health.

The conference begins with registration Friday, February 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in Hearst Social Hall and ends after lunch on Monday, February 16. There will be a reception for newcomers Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. We eat dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in Crocker Dining Hall. Opening remarks and our first speaker are scheduled for 7:30 PM in Fred Farr Forum.

How much does the conference cost? For three nights' lodging and eight meals beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Monday: \$385.28 per adult double occupancy, \$617.78 single occupancy, and \$250.58 youth (ages 3-17). A fee for using Asilomar facilities is included in the price of housing. If you live off-campus, Asilomar will add this nominal amount to your meal ticket. The additional registration fee of \$100 payable to ΦBKNCA covers conference expenses, but mainly provides funds for our scholarships.

Please spread the word. Bring guests, family or friends, and encourage your fellow Phi Betes to join us in 2009. Just fill out the coupon on page 8 and send me a check payable to PBKNCA for your \$100 registration fee (Jae Emehiser, 2898 Sand Pointe Dr., McKinleyville, CA 95519. Phone: (707) 840-9094. Email [jaepat@suddenlink.net](mailto:jaepat@suddenlink.net)). As soon as I receive your check, I shall send you the housing form for you to return directly to Asilomar.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend Presidents' Day Weekend, February, 13-16, 2009, at magnificent, 107-acre Asilomar, “Refuge by the Sea,” in Pacific Grove between Carmel and Monterey. Your Phi Beta Kappa friends will be waiting.



*Jae Emehiser*  
Asilomar Conference Chair

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 Deadline December 17, 2008  
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Crocker Dining Hall – Asilomar



Julia Morgan  
 in Paris, 1899



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*Ray Hendess, Editor and Webmaster*

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