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From the President

Autumn in Northern California is usually my favorite season. Due to the ongoing drought, I am hoping for a really WET fall, even if it curtails some of my outdoor activities. Brown is the new Green, at least for the foreseeable future.

During the coming year, we'll have a wide variety of monthly visits to interesting Bay Area sites, planned by our new First Vice President—Programs Jon Strolle. Check every newsletter and our website www.pbknca.org for more about these. In May, we'll confer scholarships on worthy graduate students from some of our associated campus Chapters. The hard work of Second Vice President—Scholarships Joanne Sandstrom and her committee (and your generous contributions) make this possible.

For faculty members from the universities in our Association that have Phi Beta Kappa chapters, we accept nominations for our Teaching Excellence awards. If you were motivated, impressed, or enthralled by a teacher at any of those schools, please nominate him/her for a Teaching Excellence award, using the form available at www.pbknca.org/teaching/, or on page 2 if you prefer to do hardcopy. Teaching Excellence Chair Narcinda Lerner awaits your input.

Consider attending our annual Presidents' Weekend symposium (February 12-15, 2016) at Asilomar (Pacific Grove). We enjoy hearing speakers on a variety of subjects from literature to science and everything in between, have fascinating conversa-

tions, and marvel at nature's magnificence as we wander the retreat-center grounds. Asilomar Chair Deirdre Frontczak will be delighted to receive your reservation. All proceeds from the symposium are used for our award programs. See page 6.

Please contact any Board member if you have an interest in volunteering with our Association. We have positions that take as little as one day's work (audit committee; chapter initiation representatives) or as much time as you are willing to give. We'd be delighted to get a chance to know you better!

Mary Turner Gilliland, President
2015-2016

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Nominations for the Teaching Excellence awards for Spring 2016 are being accepted now

The nomination form is available on page 2, and on the web at www.pbknca.org/teaching. It can be filled out online (preferred) or a copy can be printed and mailed. You probably have had teachers who influenced your academic career; reward one or more of them with a nomination for our Teaching Excellence Award.

Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair

Excellence in Teaching Award Application
Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association

Dear Fellow Phi Betes,

We are seeking nominations for this prestigious award, which carries an honorarium as well as a certificate. Please nominate a professor you consider to be outstanding: someone who taught an especially memorable course or who impressed you as an unusually skilled educator, who had a special impact on your education, career, or life, or whom you found inspiring and admirable. Making such a nomination is an appropriate and satisfying way of expressing your gratitude to that person. Winners will be honored at Phi Beta Kappa NCA's Annual May Banquet.

Faculty members of any rank (including lecturers and emeriti) at the following schools are eligible for nomination: Mills College, San Francisco State University, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and The University of the Pacific. Please give as complete information as possible. Your nominees need not be Phi Beta Kappa members.

Nominators must be members of the Association or PBK initiates at Universities serviced by the Association. The nominator must have been a student of the nominee or mentored by the nominee.

You may make more than one nomination, but please use a separate sheet for each nomination you make.

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Academic Rank (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Other): _____

Home Address: _____

Nominee's Email _____

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Subject(s) Taught: _____

Date(s) of Course(s) Taken: _____

Department and School: _____

Comments: Please tell us, in as much detail as you can, why and how this person stands out in your mind. Use additional sheets as necessary:

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Your Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home: _____ Cell _____

School, Class Year and Date of Election to Φ BK: _____

Send to: Narcinda R. Lerner, Ph.D. (e-mail: nrlernern@netscape.net)
Teaching Excellence Chair
10 Stadler Drive
Woodside, CA 94062-4840 Phone: (650) 851-0137 FAX: (650) 529-9369

Deadline: November 30, 2015 for May 2016 Award

Thank you for your help!

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Upcoming Events

Be sure to read this important information about our enrollment, refund and cancellation policies. If you cannot attend an event for which you have a reservation, please contact Jon Strolle at (831) 917-2509; other members may be waiting. If you call in advance 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. We are most grateful to those who prefer to donate the program fee to the scholarship program in lieu of a refund. Members who just “don’t show up” will not receive a refund. 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. You will not receive written confirmation of your reservation for the events. Directions are available from the event websites, Google.com, your GPS, or on the day of the event, by calling Jon at (831) 917-2509. *Jon Strolle, 1st Vice President, Programs*

Chabot Space Center Saturday, October 10, 2015 Deadline September 24, 2015



The mission of Chabot Space & Science Center is to be a place for students of all ages to learn and be inspired about the Universe and our Planet Earth.

Founded as an observatory in 1883, today Chabot offers visitors the very latest in hands-on interactive exhibits, displays, and Planetarium shows that explore the mysteries of the universe and of life here on earth.

Set amid beautiful redwood parkland in the hills above Oakland, yet just 2.5 miles off the freeway, Chabot is also home to Nellie, Rachel and Leah - their three magnificent [telescopes](#) and the largest on the west coast open weekly to the public (shown above is Leah, Chabot's historic 8" Alvan Clark refractor telescope. It is the original 1883 instrument donated by founder Anthony Chabot.). Here visitors of all ages can experience for themselves the wonders of the cosmos as they gaze through the telescopes at distant stars and planets.

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Deadline: September 24, 2015
Time: 1:30 pm
Cost: \$20.00. **Free parking**
Minimum 12, Maximum 25
Location: 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, California

Directions: <http://www.chabotspace.org/directions>
Chabot Space & Science Center is located in Oakland within Redwood Regional Park. From Highway 13, take the Joaquin Miller exit. Turn left at Monterey Blvd and take the 1st left onto Lincoln Ave. Continue onto Joaquin Miller Rd then turn left at the Skyline Blvd traffic light. Take Skyline 1.5 miles to the Center. Turn right into the driveway at the sign.

The Walt Disney Family Museum Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 Deadline October 21, 2015



From Mickey Mouse to Snow White, from Mary Poppins to Disneyland, Walt Disney’s artistry and imagination helped define 20th-century America. The Walt Disney Family Museum brings his legacy to life and invites viewers to find their own creative inspiration in his story.

The museum illuminates Walt's fascinating life: his tremendous successes as well as his disappointments, and his unyielding optimism as he worked tirelessly to advance the art of animation. Walt was a risk-taker who influenced popular culture through pioneering animated and live-action films, television programs, theme parks, and other new technologies. His story is told through innovative, interactive galleries. Visitors get to know Walt through early drawings and animation, movies, music, and listening stations featuring his own voice, among others. A 13-foot model of Disneyland as Walt originally envisioned it is a perennial favorite with museumgoers.

Located in a historic brick building on the main post of San Francisco's Presidio, the 40,000-square-foot museum melds history with state-of-the-art technology, including more than 200 video screens sprinkled throughout our galleries. Visitors can also enjoy the Museum Store, Learning Center, and *Fantasia*-themed theater, which shows Disney classics six days a week.

Website: <http://www.waltdisney.org/>

Date: Friday, November 6, 2015

Deadline October 21, 2015

Arrival time 12:30 for a guided tour

Cost: \$20.00

Minimum 12, Maximum 25

Directions: The Walt Disney Family Museum is located at 104 Montgomery Street, The Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129. Please note: there are two Montgomery Streets in San Francisco - the museum is located in the Presidio of San Francisco, not in the Financial District. If you are using a GPS, please remember to enter the zip code 94129 when planning your route - See more at:

<http://www.waltdisney.org/drive-bus-bike>

Bancroft Rare Book Library
Tuesday, December 1, 2015.
Deadline Nov. 15, 2015

We will have a presentation by the Bancroft Library staff of their unique collections of manuscripts

ranging from Egyptian papyri to the works of Mark Twain and Jack London.



The University Library's Rare Book Collection was founded in 1954 and transferred to The Bancroft Library in 1970. It is responsible for collecting, preserving, and making accessible old, rare, fragile, and sensitive materials over the entire range of the Library of Congress classification scheme. As it is impossible to collect actively in all fields,

certain collections are more significant than others. As a rule, the Rare Book Collections avoid the subject areas of law, medicine, music, and East Asian languages, since other campus libraries specialize in these areas. Genealogy and military science are also not collected. An overview of collections provides a brief overview of some of the more important rare book collections available for use at The Bancroft Library. Website: <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/>

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Cost: \$10.00

Minimum 12

Directions, parking (not much), public transport (best, see <http://www.511.org/>)

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/directions.html>

The Bancroft Library is located in the heart of the UC Berkeley campus - on the east side of the Doe Library and facing the Campanile (Sather Tower). If you are coming to visit us from outside Berkeley, we recommend that you take public transportation. If you must drive, please be aware that there is very limited public parking on campus, and permits may be required. There is street and metered parking near the campus, and they are strictly enforced by the City of Berkeley.

Event Coupons

Please print legibly and print name of event on check as well. **No acknowledgments will be sent.** If you subsequently can't make an event, others may be waiting; kindly notify Jon Strolle (831) 917-2509

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E-mail _____
Guest name(s) _____
Mail coupon and payment to:
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Ray Hendess, Communications Officer

Asilomar is coming Feb 12 – 15, 2016. It's time to sign up!
Deadline for reservations: December 15, 2015.



Past participants describe the weekend as a “all the best aspects of college, without the exams” and “the greatest high of the year – and no drugs!” For information on last year’s event, visit www.pbknca.org/asilomar/asilomar.2015.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.php and use the coupon on page 8 to register.

If you have questions on registration or logistics, please contact Barry Haskell at bghaskell@comcast.net. All registered participants will receive forms to reserve their Asilomar accommodations during the month of October; please watch your email for more details.

Asilomar Chair, Deirdre Frontczak

A preview of speakers for 2016 (more to come)

Dr. Mary Albert:

Ed Ricketts and the Monterey Tides

Filmed in the tidepools of Pacific Grove, Albert’s work *The Great Tidepool* uncovers the pioneering scientific system of Edward Flanders Ricketts, the renowned marine biologist who in the 1930s wrote the world’s most influential seashore guidebook – *Between Pacific Tides*. Based on their research centered on the Ricketts collection at Stanford University Library, Steven and Mary Albert piece together Ricketts’ own explanation of his groundbreaking ecological scientific system. Using Ricketts’ detailed handwritten notes, as well as his extensive card catalogue, the film reveals a scientific system that foreshadowed current ecological research.

Christine Schultz, LLD:

World Fluency is the Most Critical Skill for the 21st Century

Schulze is a past dean of the French Language Village; initiated *French Voyageur*, a language immersion program in a wilderness setting; has led teacher trainings and abroad sessions; and has spoken widely on cultural immersion and global citizenship skills. In this talk, she presents four elements essential to building “world fluency” – international business, national security, improved test scores, and responsible global citizenship. In a “world café” format, participants will explore opportunities and obstacles to designing a national academic strategy that shapes informed, articulate and engaged citizens ready to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

Cheri Mah, M.S., Sleep Research Fellow, UCSF Sports Medicine ([2015 ΦBK scholarship awardee](#)):
Sleep! Who Needs It?

Cheri Mah’s fascination with sleep in athletes began in her first year at Stanford, in 2002. A double major in psychology and biology, she noticed several collegiate swimmers who walked into the lab grinning, having set multiple personal records while on a schedule to eliminate accumulated sleep debt. This particular study was

designed to examine cognitive performance - but their success begged the question: Does getting extra sleep also elevate your game?

In the last eight years Cheri has researched the impact of sleep deficits with the world's leading expert in sleep medicine at Stanford University. In this talk Cheri shares her research on the relationship between sleep and performance in elite athletes, including work with Olympians and professional sports teams.

Dr. Bill Beeman, Anthropology: Two sessions
Opera and the Science of Singing
and
Culture and Politics in the Middle East

William O. Beeman is Professor of Anthropology and Department Chair at the University of Minnesota. Best known as a Middle East Specialist, he has also worked in Central Asia, the Caucasus, Japan, China and South Asia. Recognized for special expertise in Iranian culture and linguistics, he has been a consultant on Middle Eastern affairs for the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the United Nations and the European Union. On Sunday morning, Dr. Beeman shares his insights on cultural trends and political horizons in the Middle East.

He has also written extensively on music and performance traditions both in Western and non-Western traditions. His co-authored book with Daniel Helfgot, *The Third Line: The Singer as Interpreter*, has been widely used in teaching and research. On Saturday evening, he shares his research for a forthcoming book centered on his experience as an opera performer in a leading German opera house.

Brian Yazell, Ph.D. Candidate, English ([2015 ΦBK scholarship awardee](#)):
John Steinbeck and Migrant Labor Policy

Bryan is a Ph.D. candidate and lecturer in English at the University of California, Davis; his dissertation reconstructs the international discourse that shaped the literature of homelessness in the US and Britain near the turn of the 20th century.

In this talk he explores the role of John Steinbeck's iconic migrant family from *The Grapes of Wrath* in the development of New Deal welfare policy, addressing the problems of poverty and homelessness on a national scale. Steinbeck imagined his archetypal group of "Okies" even as he collaborated with the state in designing strategies to manage the western movement of migrant farmers - contributing to a crucial revision in the public view of migrant labor that continues to the present day.

Architecture Meets Nature: a Walking Tour of Asilomar
Asilomar –based speaker, TBA



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ΦBK at Asilomar February 12-15, 2016

Deadline for Reservations: December 15, 2015

Registration fee: # Attending _____ x \$125/person= \$_____

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Guest Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #(s): _____

Email (essential!) _____