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THE
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SOCIETY
VISITING
SCHOLARS

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Founded on December 5, 1776, The Phi Beta Kappa Society is the nation's most prestigious academic honor society. It has chapters at 286 colleges and universities in the United States, 50 alumni associations, and more than half a million members worldwide. Noteworthy members include 17 U.S. Presidents, 40 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and more than 140 Nobel Laureates. The mission of The Phi Beta Kappa Society is to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, foster freedom of thought, and recognize academic excellence.

VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Visiting Scholar Program offers undergraduates the opportunity to spend time with some of America's most distinguished scholars. The purpose of the program is to contribute to the intellectual life of the institution by making possible an exchange of ideas between the Visiting Scholar and the resident faculty and students.

During the 2019–2020 academic year, the Visiting Scholars will travel to over 100 colleges and universities with chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, spending two days at each one and taking full part in the academic life of the institution. During the two-day visit, the Scholar will give a general lecture, free and open to the public, take part in class and seminar discussions, and meet informally with students and faculty.

The Visiting Scholars are invited to make visits in response to requests from the Phi Beta Kappa chapters. All arrangements are handled by the Washington office, and the Scholars' itineraries will be worked out in accordance with requests received by **April 15, 2019.**

A service fee of \$500, to be paid by the sponsoring chapter, the interested departments, the sheltering institution, or by all jointly, will be billed against the chapter at the beginning of the semester in which the visit takes place. The sponsoring groups will also be responsible for the costs of housing, meals, and local transportation while the Scholar is their guest.

For more information go to pbk.org.

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RICHARD ALLEY, Evan Pugh
University Professor of Geosciences,
Pennsylvania State University

CYNTHIA J. BURROWS,
Thatcher Presidential Endowed
Chair of Biological Chemistry and
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry,
University of Utah

LINDA GREGERSON, Caroline
Walker Bynum Distinguished
University Professor of English and
Creative Writing, University
of Michigan

VALERIE M. HUDSON, Professor and
George H.W. Bush Chair, International
Affairs, Texas A&M University

NAOMI ORESKES, Professor of the
History of Science and Affiliated
Professor of Earth and Planetary
Sciences, Harvard University

JOCK REYNOLDS, Henry J. Heinz II
Director, Yale University Art Gallery
(ret.)

PAUL ROBBINS, Director, Nelson
Institute for Environmental Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

STACEY SINCLAIR, Professor
of Psychology and Public Affairs,
Princeton University

HAZEL SIVE, Professor of Biology,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

COLUMBA STEWART, Professor of
Theology, Saint John's University *Phi Beta Kappa*
Frank M. Updike Memorial Scholar

Z. S. STROTHER, Riggio Professor of
African Art, Columbia University

FRANCIS SU, Benediktsson-Karwa
Professor of Mathematics, Harvey
Mudd College

JAMES X. SULLIVAN, Professor of
Economics and Gilbert F. Schaefer
College Chair, University of
Notre Dame

R. JAY WALLACE, Professor of
Philosophy and Judy Chandler Webb
Distinguished Chair, University of
California, Berkeley

JULIAN E. ZELIZER, Malcolm
Stevenson Forbes, Class of 1941
Professor of History and Public Affairs,
Princeton University

BIOGRAPHIES

RICHARD ALLEY, [Pennsylvania State University](#)

Richard Alley is Evan Pugh University Professor of Geosciences at Penn State. He studies the great ice sheets to help predict future changes in climate and sea level, including multiple trips to Antarctica, Greenland, Alaska, and elsewhere. He has been honored for research (including election to the US National Academy of Sciences and Foreign Membership in the Royal Society), teaching, and service. Dr. Alley participated in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize), and has provided requested advice to numerous government officials in multiple administrations. He has authored or coauthored over 300 refereed scientific papers. He was presenter for the PBS TV miniseries on climate and energy *Earth: The Operators' Manual*, and author of the book. His popular account of climate change and ice cores, *The Two-Mile Time Machine*, won the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science.

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CYNTHIA J. BURROWS, [University of Utah](#)

Cynthia J. Burrows is the Thatcher Presidential Endowed Chair of Biological Chemistry and Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Utah. Her research program investigates the organic and biological chemistry of DNA and RNA base modifications with a focus on free radical chemistry of guanine, the most easily oxidized base in the genome. Modifications to DNA bases are often mutagenic and underlie age-related disorders such as cancer. Recently, her lab has turned to whole genome sequencing to analyze the impact of oxidative stress, and surprisingly have uncovered epigenetics aspects of DNA oxidation that regulate gene expression. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2009 and elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2014. Burrows is the author of approximately 200 research articles and 10 patents. She serves as Editor-in-Chief of the ACS journal *Accounts of Chemical Research*.

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LINDA GREGERSON, [University of Michigan](#)

Linda Gregerson is the Caroline Walker Bynum Distinguished University Professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Michigan. She is co-editor of *Empires of God: Religious Encounters in the Early Modern Atlantic* and author of *The Reformation of the Subject: Spenser, Milton, and the English Protestant Epic*, as well as six books of poetry and a volume of essays on the contemporary American lyric. Her essays on Milton, Spenser, Shakespeare, Wyatt, and Jonson appear in numerous journals and anthologies. She has received awards and fellowships from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Poetry Society of America, the Modern Poetry Association, the Institute for Advanced Study, the National Humanities Center, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim, Mellon, and Rockefeller Foundations. She is a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

AVAILABILITY: [Thursdays–Fridays, 2019–2020.](#)

VALERIE M. HUDSON, [Texas A&M University](#)

Valerie M. Hudson is Professor and holds the George H.W. Bush Chair in the Department of International Affairs at The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, where she directs the Program on Women, Peace, and Security. Her research includes foreign policy analysis, security studies, gender and international relations, and methodology. Hudson is one of the Principal Investigators of The WomanStats Project (<http://womanstats.org>), which includes the largest compilation of data on the status of women in the world today. Winner of numerous teaching awards and recipient of a National Science Foundation research grant and a Minerva Initiative grant, she was recently named a Distinguished Scholar of Foreign Policy Analysis by the International Studies Association. She is the author/co-author of *Sex and World Peace*, *The Hillary Doctrine*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Bare Branches*, and (forthcoming) *The First Political Order: Sex, Governance, and National Security*.

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NAOMI ORESKES, [Harvard University](#)

Naomi Oreskes is Professor of the History of Science and Affiliated Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University. She is an internationally renowned geologist, science historian, and author of both scholarly and popular books and articles on the history of earth and environmental science, including *The Rejection of Continental Drift*, *Plate Tectonics: An Insider's History of the Modern Theory of the Earth*, and in recent decades has been a leading voice on the issue of anthropogenic climate change. Her research focuses on the earth and environmental sciences, with a particular interest in understanding scientific consensus and dissent. Her 2004 essay “The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change” (*Science* 306: 1686) has been widely cited, both in the United States and abroad, including in the Royal Society's publication, “A Guide to Facts and Fictions about Climate Change,” and in the Academy-award winning film, *An Inconvenient Truth*. She is a 2018 Guggenheim Fellow.

AVAILABILITY: [January–May 2020.](#)

JOCK REYNOLDS, [Yale University Art Gallery \(ret.\)](#)

Jock Reynolds was the Henry J. Heinz II Director of the Yale University Art Gallery from 1998 to 2018. He led the Gallery through the major renovation, expansion, and reinstallation of its exhibition, teaching, and collection facilities, and launched an active program of collection-sharing among college and university art museums. Previously he was co-founder of New Langton Arts, one of San Francisco's pioneering alternative artists' spaces, and later served as the Executive Director of the Washington Project for the Arts, a multi-disciplinary visual artists' organization in Washington, D.C. For his work as an artist, Reynolds has garnered numerous grants and awards, including two NEA Visual Artists Fellowships and multiple NEA Art in Public Places project awards. Frequently created in collaboration with his wife, Suzanne Hellmuth, his and their artworks have been exhibited broadly in the realms of visual art and theater and are represented in numerous public and private collections.

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PAUL ROBBINS, [University of Wisconsin–Madison](#)

Paul Robbins is the director of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he guides the institute in serving as a world leader in addressing rapid global environmental change. He has years of experience as a researcher and educator, specializing in human interactions with nature and the politics of natural resource management. His research addresses questions spanning conservation conflicts, urban ecology, and environment and health interactions. He has done extensive fieldwork in rural India, where he has focused his work on the politics surrounding forestry and wildlife conservation, as well as recent research examining the wealth of biodiversity in commercial coffee and rubber plantations. He has also led studies of consumer chemical risk behaviors, mosquito management, and elk management in the United States.

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STACEY SINCLAIR, [Princeton University](#)

Stacey Sinclair is a Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs at Princeton University. Her lab examines how interpersonal interactions translate culturally held prejudices into individual thoughts and actions. Her research suggests people may unknowingly be immersed in social networks characterized by a corresponding degree of implicit and/or explicit bias, and her lab is in the initial stages of several projects considering the ramifications of this possibility for the health and intellectual performance of members of stigmatized groups. These projects include research on how implicit anti-black prejudice shapes social interactions among whites, how implicit and explicit prejudice may shape students' academic performance and how the way in which institutions justify efforts to foster diversity shape the experience of ethnic minority and majority students. Recently, she was elected to the governing board of the American Psychological Association. Professor Sinclair is also Head of Mathey College, one of the six residential colleges at Princeton University.

AVAILABILITY: [January–May 2020.](#)

HAZEL SIVE, [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#)

Hazel Sive is Professor of Biology at MIT, Member of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and Associate Member of the Broad Institute. Her groundbreaking research focuses on neurodevelopmental and mental health disorders, as well as fundamental processes underlying brain and craniofacial development. She also focuses on education and training. She is a MacVicar Faculty Fellow, MIT's highest undergraduate teaching award. She teaches Introductory Biology, graduate Neuroscience and a new subject called Building with Cells. She is former Associate Dean of Science with oversight for equity and education. Dr. Sive is Founder and Director of MIT-Africa, an initiative that promotes mutually beneficial connections between MIT and African colleagues, and Director of Higher Education for the new Jameel World Education Lab (J-WEL) at MIT. She is committed to communicating to the powerful contributions that education and scientific research make to society.

AVAILABILITY: [In accordance with requests, 2019–2020.](#)

COLUMBA STEWART, [Saint John's University](#)

Columba Stewart is Professor of Theology at Saint John's University and executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, both in Collegeville, MN. He has been a Benedictine monk of Saint John's Abbey since 1981. He publishes regularly in his field of eastern and western Christian monastic history. Most recently he has been a member in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NY, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute. He is currently writing a new study of the origins of Christian monasticism. Because of his work at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library leading the digitization and cataloging of more than 200,000 endangered Christian and Islamic manuscripts in libraries around the world, he has been featured in international radio programs, newspapers and documentaries, and the CBS News television program “60 Minutes.”

AVAILABILITY: [September–November 2019; March–April 2020.](#)

Z. S. STROTHER, [Columbia University](#)

Z. S. Strother is Riggio Professor of African Art at Columbia University. She had conducted three years of fieldwork in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has worked on other research projects in Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Senegal. Her broad intellectual project is to understand the role of the image in society and its changing history. She has published widely on masquerade, architecture, and photography in Africa. Her books include *Inventing Masks: Agency and History in the Art of the Central Pende and Humor and Violence: Seeing Europeans in Central African Art*. Strother has been a fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation, NEH, ACLS, Getty Research Institute (GRI), Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Gallery of Art (CASVA), Michigan Society of Fellows, and the U.S. Information Agency (Fulbright). A forthcoming book to be published with the GRI is “*The Uncanny Guest: Masks in Theory and Practice from Europe to Africa*.”

AVAILABILITY: [Thursdays–Fridays, 2019–2020.](#)

FRANCIS SU, [Harvey Mudd College](#)

Francis Su is the Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College. In 2015 and 2016, he served as president of the Mathematical Association of America. His speeches and writing have earned acclaim for describing the humanity of mathematics, and for calling people to greater awareness of issues that contribute to inequitable mathematics education. *Wired Magazine* called him “the mathematician who will make you fall in love with numbers.” His research is in geometric combinatorics and applications to the social sciences. From the Mathematical Association of America, he received the 2018 Halmos-Ford award for distinguished writing, as well as the 2013 Haimo Award for exemplary teaching. Three of his articles have appeared in the Princeton anthology *The Best Writing on Mathematics* in 2011, 2014, and 2018. His book *Mathematics for Human Flourishing* will be published by Yale University Press this year.

AVAILABILITY: [Thursdays–Fridays, 2019–2020.](#)

JAMES X. SULLIVAN, [University of Notre Dame](#)

James Sullivan is a Professor of Economics and Gilbert F. Schaefer College Chair at the University of Notre Dame. He was recently appointed to the U.S. Commission on Social Impact Partnerships and serves on the National Poverty Center Advisory Board. His research examines the effectiveness of anti-poverty programs at the national, state, and local level. He also studies the consumption, saving, and borrowing behavior of poor households, as well as poverty and inequality measurement. Sullivan has published numerous journal articles and book chapters, many of which appear in the top economics journals. Sullivan currently serves as Director of the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO), a research center he co-founded in 2012 that works with service providers and policymakers to identify evidence-based solutions to poverty in America. LEO evaluates program effectiveness using randomized controlled trial experiments and quasi-experimental methods, often relying on administrative data.

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R. JAY WALLACE, [University of California, Berkeley](#)

R. Jay Wallace teaches in the Philosophy Department at the University of California, Berkeley, where he holds the Judy Chandler Webb Distinguished Chair. He works in moral philosophy, and his interests extend to all parts of the subject (including its history), and to such allied areas as political philosophy, philosophy of law, and philosophy of action. His research has focused on responsibility, moral psychology, normative ethics, and the theory of practical reason. Recently he has written on promising, normativity, constructivism, resentment, hypocrisy, love, and regret and affirmation, among other topics. His newest book, *The Moral Nexus*, is a study of the relational structure of the moral domain. Other books include *Responsibility and the Moral Sentiments*, *Normativity and the Will*, and *The View from Here: On Affirmation, Attachment, and the Limits of Regret*. He has taught at Wesleyan University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

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JULIAN E. ZELIZER, [Princeton University](#)

Julian E. Zelizer is the Malcolm Stevenson Forbes, Class of 1941 Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton University and a CNN Political Analyst. He is the author and editor of over 18 books including *The Fierce Urgency of Now: Lyndon Johnson, Congress, and the Battle for the Great Society*. Co-authored with Kevin Kruse, his book *Fault Lines: A History of the United States Since 1974* was published this year, with his next book coming out later this year, *Burning Down the House: Newt Gingrich, The Fall of a Speaker, and the Rise of the New Republican Party*. He is currently writing a biography of Abraham Joshua Heschel for the Jewish Lives Series at Yale University Press. Zelizer also writes a popular weekly column for CNN and is a regular guest on the network news shows.

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