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Stanford Parents Initiative Museum Tour

Sunday, April 8 4 pm

Smithsonian Museum of American Art
800 F St. NW
Washington, DC

The Stanford Parents Initiative is sponsoring a small-group tour of highlights of the Smithsonian Museum of American Art for Stanford parents, led by Charita Thakkar P'14 and a Stanford MS in Business graduate. After the tour, interested participants (or other Stanford parents who can't make the tour) can meet up at Proof for drinks and/or dinner. Since space is limited, please contact Melissa Clark P'12 at 301-370-6650 or via email at madgardenr@comcast.net for more details or to sign up.

Later this month, the Stanford Parents Initiative will have an informal open house at the Chevy Chase, MD home of Melissa Clark P'12 (SPI Co-Chair) from 2-4 pm on Sunday, April 29th. Come join us to talk about your questions or to discuss your sons' and daughters' Stanford experiences. We hope to have some Stanford in Washington students and a few young alums available to answer questions and contribute to the discussion. To RSVP, respond to the e-vite that went out last weekend or contact Melissa by e-mail at madgardenr@comcast.net.

How to Lead the Good Life:

Lessons from the Ancient Greeks

Tuesday, April 10 6:30-8:30pm

Embassy of Greece
2217 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

WDCSA SPEAKERS SERIES

If one talk could change the way you approach your life, this might be it!

Dr. McCall, one of the storied professors and speakers on campus, will share and encourage discussion about the core ethical beliefs of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Epicureans, and the Stoics. Together, we will consider how these philosophers and philosophical schools confront the fundamental human issues of justice, absolute versus relative morality, fear of death, fate versus free will, and the relationship between humans and the divine. Handouts will be provided.

Dr. McCall is the founding dean of the Continuing Studies Program. He received his doctorate in Classics at Harvard in 1965 and taught at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Berkeley before arriving at Stanford in 1976. His research lies in the areas of Greek tragedy, ancient rhetoric, and textual criticism.

He has received Stanford's greatest honors...the Dinkelspiel Award for outstanding service to undergraduate education in 1991, and Stanford's Phi Beta Kappa Teacher of the Year award in 2000. In 2006, he received the Richard W. Lyman Award for exceptional volunteer service to the university from the Stanford Alumni Association.

Light refreshments will be provided, including wine generously provided by the Greek Embassy's Office of Cultural Affairs.

The cost of this event is \$20 for WDCSA members and \$25 for non-members. Please register by Tuesday, April 3, 2012 here: <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event8919reg>.

Questions: Email Risa Shimoda at risa@theshimodagroup.com.

Directions: The Embassy of Greece is located three blocks northwest of the Dupont Metro Station (Red Line).

This event is a part of the WDCSA Faculty Speaker Series, and it is presented jointly with the Stanford Alumni Association.

The Greek Embassy in Washington hosts a variety of cultural, intellectual, and social events, many of which are free of charge. If you would like to receive email announcements of these events, please write to Zoe Kosmidou, PhD, Minister Counselor, Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Greece, and USA Office Director, Hellenic Foundation for Culture, at zkosmidou@greekculture.us.

Scott Loarie Science Seminar

Thursday, April 12 **4:30 pm lecture**
World Wildlife Fund **5:30 pm reception**
1719 G Street NW
Washington, DC

The World Wildlife Fund is hosting Stanford fellow, Scott Loarie, as part of its Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Seminar Series. Loarie will discuss how new technologies are providing access to individuals to meet the challenges posed by climate and land-use change in a seminar titled, "Can Social Networks Save Biodiversity?"

Loarie is a research fellow at the Carnegie Institution for Science at Stanford University. His research focuses on how land-use and climate change impact biodiversity across ecosystems ranging from the savannas of Africa and the Brazilian Amazon to the California Floristic Province.

This event is free. To register, click the following link, <http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/fellowships/fuller/item1816.html>.

For more information, contact Kate Graves at 202-495-4604 or Kate.Graves@wwfus.org.

Capitol Alumni Network Happy Hour **Friday, April 13** **8 pm**

The Exchange
1719 G Street NW
Washington, DC

Join CAN for happy hour at the Exchange to celebrate the beginning of the softball season.

For more information, contact Greg Billings at billings.g@gmail.com.

Book Club Discussion

Sunday, April 15 **5-8 pm**
Vienna, VA

The book club will meet at the home of Connie and Terence Barrett to discuss *Most Human Human* by Brian Christian. For information on the book club, email Alison Westfall at alisoncolew@hotmail.com

Stanford Day at the Races

Sunday, April 29 **1 pm**
Middleburg Hunt Point to Point Races
Glenwood Park
Middleburg, VA

Get out your hat and binoculars for a day at the Middleburg Races!

Rain or shine

The admission price of \$25.00 per person will cover tasty tailgate picnic and libations in a patron space overlooking the finish line. Children under 12 are free.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by April 21 with a check payable to WDCSA and send to Margaret "Maggie" New, P.O. Box 933, Middleburg, VA 20118-0933.

Tickets and directions will be mailed to you.

For further information, call Margaret "Maggie" New 703-298-2525 or email maggie@middleburggroup.com

Stanford at the National Museum of the American Indian

Sunday, April 29

6:30-9:30pm

300 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, D.C.

Join us for cocktails, Native American-inspired hors

*An Evening of
Native American History*
d'oeuvres, and a talk with Stanford archaeologist Laura Jones at an exclusive reception alongside one of the world's most extensive collections of Native American arts and artifacts.

Ranging from ancient Paleoindian arrowheads to contemporary fine arts, the National Museum of the American Indian collections include works of aesthetic, religious, and historical



significance representing virtually all tribes in the United States, most of those of Canada, and a significant number of cultures from Middle and South America and the Caribbean.

Price: \$30 per person, \$25 young alumni (undergrads '02-'12; grads '07-'11) includes exhibit access, talk and reception. Space is limited. Register early! Prices will increase \$5 per person on April 9th.

To learn more and register, visit <http://www.stanfordalumni.org/erc/regional/detail.html?ref=erc&cid=209369> Space is limited; do not delay!

Questions: Contact Melanie Kofod at mkofod@stanford.edu.

Stanford Alumni Potluck Dinners Saturday, May 5

Do you want to connect with fellow Stanford alums in the DC area who work in the same field as you do, in a small, casual setting? We have just the venue!

Alums Mark Kogan ('09) and Tom Kohn ('83) have created a fun series of potluck dinners, hosted at alum's homes, for small gatherings of 10-15 people, with a great mix of both young and "seasoned" alums. No pressure. No business cards. Great food and drink. Interesting people. Join us! So far we've had themes of "Capital Hill" and "Foreign Affairs" (and one with no theme at all).

If your field of work is any of the following, and you would like to join us -- or host -- please click on the following link to complete a short survey: https://saa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_7VZ4i3gQHxXbDGO

We look forward to seeing you!

May 5 - Business

August 4 - Legal

Oct 6 - Journalism/Media

Dec 8 - TBD (please send us your suggestions for this end of year potluck!)

For more information, contact Mark Kogan at markskogan@gmail.com.

Stanford at the Opera**Thursday, May 10****7:30 pm**

Kennedy Center

Nabucco – Verdi

WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA PREMIERE!

Verdi's powerful blockbuster about the defeat, enslavement, and exile of the ancient Babylonian Jews by King Nabucco features a grand and gorgeous score. Thaddeus Strassberger's new production will transport you to the lost wonders of the world to witness a royal family at odds with their nation and each other.

Buy tickets now!

Deadline for ordering is April 5th.

Prime Orchestra \$146.50; 2nd Tier \$ 79.

For tickets - send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty @ bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org or 202.483.4048. All performances are by the Washington National Opera (WNO) and are at the Kennedy Center.

Stanford In the News

- In subjects ranging from human behavior to linguistics, Stanford lectures captured on audio and video and offered on Stanford's iTunes U have been downloaded a whopping 50 million times. The milestone, reached March 14, comes nearly seven years after Stanford became the first university to offer public access to campus lectures, concerts and courses through iTunes U.
- Chris Lowe and Ari Pani, biologists at Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station, discovered some of the essential genetic machinery previously thought exclusive to vertebrate brains in a surprising place – a sea dwelling, bottom-feeding acorn worm, *Saccoglossus kowalevskii*.

Get Involved

- Come Out and Volunteer at Stanford University's Annual Beyond the Farm Global Day of Service May 12, 2012.

About Beyond the Farm Global Day of Service: Beyond the Farm seeks to extend Stanford's spirit of service to communities around the world through volunteer efforts of alumni, family, and friends. With the dedication of every individual within the University's 205,000-strong alumni community, we can make a world of difference!

Mark your calendars for Beyond the Farm Day of Service in Washington, DC on May 12, 2012 and look out for details (location, description, and registration information) soon to come!

- WDCSA Co-Ed Softball
Spring is just around the corner and it's time to kick off the 8th annual DC Stanford softball season! The regular season runs from April to July and ends with a post-season tournament over two weekends in August. Most regular season games are played during the week on the Washington Monument grounds. Players should expect to pay a nominal team fee to cover league and equipment costs.

The quality of play is at moments brilliant and at other times hysterically pathetic, but we always have a good time! If you are interested in playing, please send an email to wdcsoftball@gmail.com (we have a particular need for women this season to complete our roster). We hope to see you this spring!

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