



# Washington D.C. Stanford Association

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### **WDCSA Brewery Tour**

**Friday, April 11**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

Heavy Seas Alehouse  
1501 Wilson Blvd  
Arlington, Va

Please join us for the third and final event in this series of monthly brewery tours! This last one will actually be a "self-guided tour." The popular Baltimore brewery Heavy Seas has opened a new hub in Arlington, so join us during a casual happy hour gathering for a sampling of their craft beers. No fee to attend, no RSVP required, excellent food and drink available for purchase.

Questions, contact Sumana Chatterjee , MA '04 ([sumanachatt@yahoo.com](mailto:sumanachatt@yahoo.com)) or Nina Rodriguez, MS'05 ([ninamariarodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:ninamariarodriguez@gmail.com)).

### **Rock Creek Park Hike**

**Saturday, April 12**

**1 pm**

Cleveland Park Metro Stop  
Washington, DC

Explore the beauty of Rock Creek Park in early spring. Meet at 1 pm next to the ground level of the elevator at the Cleveland Park Metro. Bring water and a snack. We plan to walk about 7 miles on relatively level terrain. Please call Jim Finucane at (301) 365-3485 before 9 pm to RSVP.

### **DC Book Club Discussion**

**Sunday, April 13**

**5 pm**

Potomac, Md

The book group will meet at the home of Jody Thayer to discuss the novel *The Grass is Singing* by Doris Lessing. The May book is *Brave Genius: A Scientist, A Philosopher, and Their Daring Adventures from the French Resistance to the Nobel Prize* by Sean B. Carroll. For general information about the book group, email [alisoncolew@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncolew@hotmail.com)

**SMSN Meet-up and Air Force Big Band Concert****Wednesday, April 23 5-7:15 pm**

Ronald Reagan Building  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW,  
Washington, DC (Metro: Federal Triangle)

Stanford Military Service Network (SMSN) members and supporters are invited to attend a meet-up followed by an Air Force "Big Band" concert. The meet-up will be at the bar area of Aria Pizzeria & Bar located in the Ronald Reagan Building. We will then walk over to the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater for the 6 pm start of the Airmen of Note live in concert. Programming will include a Count Basie Tribute and selections featuring special guest Bob Mintzer! This is part of the 10th Annual Big Band Jam. Photo ID is required to enter the Ronald Reagan Building.

RSVP/Questions?, contact Jerry Reid, SMSN DC area representative at [jerry.reid@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:jerry.reid@alumni.stanford.edu)

**Boomers to Busters: Great Books Mixer**  
**Saturday, April 26 5:30-7:30 pm**

Bryn Mawr Lantern Bookstore  
3241 P St NW  
Washington, DC

Do you still like the feel of real books? Come to Boomers to Busters' co-sponsored mixer at the Bryn Mawr Lantern Bookstore with the Bryn Mawr Club of DC. Enjoy the nooks and crannies of one of DC's last remaining used bookstores with people who once bought used textbooks. Join us after the Georgetown House Tour or before a night out in Georgetown.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door (if available). The ticket price includes a light dinner buffet of sandwiches and salads and soft drinks and wine. To reserve your ticket, please contact Melissa Kunstader, Bryn Mawr '73, at [mkunstadter@gmail.com](mailto:mkunstadter@gmail.com).

The nearest metro is Foggy Bottom and is a 20 minute walk away. Metro busses and the Circulator stop at Wisconsin and P streets, about a half a block away. Parking garages are at Wisconsin and M streets.

**Appalachian Trail Work Trip and Rose River Canyon Hike****Sunday, April 27**

Shenandoah National Park  
Virginia

Join us for a great spring time service trip and a hike in the Shenandoah National Park. We will spend a couple of hours working on the Appalachian Trail (AT) in the northern section followed by a circuit hike down the Rose River Canyon in the central section. The service trip portion will be an inspection of the AT including carrying out modest repairs (clipping of vegetation, picking up litter, etc.). The Rose River Canyon is spectacular and offers great swimming opportunities (depending on the water temperature). Bring a lunch, liquids to drink, and a swimming suit & towel (optional). Please call Jim Finucane at (301) 365-3485 before 9 pm to RSVP and to arrange carpools.

**Stanford at the Opera**  
**Saturday, May 3 7-10 pm**

Nationals Park  
Washington, DC

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**

Join local Stanford alums as we enjoy a free live broadcast of Washington National Opera's *The Magic Flute* in English with spectacular sets and costumes at Nationals Park!

Gates open at 5 pm, so arrive early for pre-show entertainment and activities. This is an opera for everyone. Bring a picnic and the whole family.

Stanford has a special reserved section for this event. For more details on the location of this section, ask Group Sales representatives as you enter the park on the day of the event or watch for Facebook announcements coming the last week in April. For general details on this event, visit <http://www.kennedy-center.org/events/?event=OOWMO>, or contact Betty Byrne ([bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org) or 202.483.4048)

**Baltimore Book Club Discussion****Tuesday, May 12 7:30 pm**

Mother's Federal Hill Grille  
 1113 S. Charles St.  
 Baltimore, Md

The May selection is *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson. This is a non-fictional account of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. This book was voted the number one non-biographical, non-fiction in Goodreads. This book won a whole slew of awards in 2003 and 2004, including New York Times Best Seller, International Horror Guild Award, San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year, and the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime. Leonardo DiCaprio purchased the film rights to the book in 2010. The July selection is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini.

Questions/RSVP: Helene Myers, Ph.D., P'14,  
 at cedarhouse@comcast.net or at (301)655-5871

**Parents Connection Q&A Event****Saturday, May 31 2-4 pm**

5607 Wood Way,  
 Bethesda, Md

Please join the Stanford Parents Connection for our annual Q&A event. We will have a panel of current students, recent graduates, and experienced parents. Join us for fellowship and an opportunity to ask questions, questions, and questions.

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**Stanford Night at Washington Mystics Game****Sunday, June 1 1pm**

Verizon Center  
 Washington, DC

***Save the Date!***

Join WDCSA on an outing to see the Washington Mystics play the Los Angeles Sparks (featuring Nneka Ogwumike '12). Details and ticket ordering information will follow.

**Get Involved*****Softball Players Wanted***

• Come one, come all and join Stanford's DC Coed Alumni Softball Team! One of WDCSA's longest-running activities, our Capital Alumni Network team welcomes old and new faces to the Cardinal squad. The season kicks off in April, and features preseason tournaments, weekend doubleheaders, the obligatory Cal rivalry game, and a postseason tournament/party extraordinaire!

Games are on or around the Mall, and we generally go out for postgame food and drinks nearby. It's a great way to take advantage of DC's spring and summer weather, and a lot of fun. We welcome players of all skill levels, so come on out!

Email Louisa at lmarion@gmail.com or Nate at nkeegan@stanford.edu to be added to the softball roster.

**Stanford In the News**

- Stanford's mens basketball team (23-12, 10-8 Pac-12) reached the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time since 2008. Fueled by one of its stingiest defensive efforts of the year, Stanford upset No. 10/10 Kansas 60-57 on March 23rd to advance to the South Regional in Memphis, Tenn.
- On March 22nd, First Lady Michelle Obama stressed the importance of global education and promoted study abroad programs during a speech at the Stanford Center at Peking University in Beijing. Obama then encouraged Stanford and local high school students sitting in Palo Alto to be "citizen diplomats" during a high-tech videoconference.
- Stanford Assistant Professor Chao-Lin Kuo surprised Stanford Professor Andrei Linde on March 17th with evidence supporting his cosmic inflation theory. The discovery, made by Kuo and his colleagues at the BICEP2 experiment, represents the first images of gravitational waves, or ripples in space-time. These waves have been described as the "first tremors of the Big Bang."

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