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DC Book Club Discussion

Sunday, February 11 **5 pm**
 Annandale, Va

The book group will discuss *The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds*, by Michael Lewis. All are welcome to join the discussion and participate in the potluck dinner.

Michael Lewis successfully blends two biographies, an intellectual love story (there really is no other way to describe the Kahneman/Tversky partnership), astute sketches of the work they did (in heuristics and biases), and how the partnership had ripple effects in a myriad of areas (from economics to psychology, from medicine to the military, and beyond). Amos Tversky was a brilliant, self-confident warrior and extrovert, the center of rapt attention in any room; Kahneman, a fugitive from the Nazis in his childhood, was an introvert whose questing self-doubt was the seedbed of his ideas. They became one of the greatest partnerships in the history of science, describing “cognitive biases” such as The Anchoring Effect, Framing, Overconfidence Bias, Regression to the Mean, Halo Effect, and others that, due to their work, have become familiar concepts in behavioral economics. The story of the friendship between Kahneman and Tversky brings to life what could otherwise be dull and mathematical.

Upcoming book selections:

March 11th- *God: A Human History* by Reza Aslan

April 8th- *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

For more information, please contact Jennifer Presley, MA '78, Ph.D. '81
 at Jenniferbpresley@gmail.com.

Stanford and Cal Young Alumni Happy Hour

Tuesday, February 13 **6-8 pm**

The Big Hunt
 1345 Connecticut Ave NW
 Washington, DC

Winter has come, but that doesn't mean we have to keep ourselves inside watching Netflix. Let's get together and share stories of warmer times with the Cal Alummi Association at this cozy DuPont spot. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Patricia Arty '10 patriciaarty@alummi.stanford.edu

The Conference of Champions Comes to Capitol Hill: PAC-12 Alumni Networking Event

Tuesday, February 27 6-8 pm

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2123

50 Independence Avenue SW

Washington, DC

Join fellow Stanford alumni at a PAC-12 networking event on Capitol Hill. Representatives from PAC-12 alumni chapters and members of Congress who are PAC-12 alumni will speak during the event and engage with attendees. Beer, wine, and appetizers will be provided. The event is limited to alumni of PAC-12 member schools.

WDCSA is sponsoring this event, so registration is free for Stanford alumni who register in advance. Space is limited, so please register early (registration opens on Friday, February 2). Please contact Matt Kinskey at matt.kinskey@gmail.com for registration details.

WDCSA Members Only Event

Afternoon at the Gridiron Club's 2018

Reprise

Sunday, March 4 2-5 pm

Renaissance Hotel

999 Ninth Street NW

Washington, DC

Join WDCSA members and their guests for a special invitation to The Gridiron Club's 2018 Reprise.

Watch Gridiron members, such as John King of CNN, Andrea Mitchell and Chuck Todd of NBC, Judy Woodruff of PBS, and Bret Baier of Fox News perform songs and skits in costume!

The Gridiron Club is the legendary press club that has performed an annual musical show for Presidents and members of Congress since 1885. The Reprise recaps the formal white-tie Gridiron dinner and musical show held the previous night. The Reprise's orchestra is conducted by the director of the U.S. Marine Band, Lt. Col. Jason Fettig. The Sunday performance is traditionally given exclusively for Gridiron members' friends and family, but the Gridiron Club has extended a special invitation to WDCSA members and their guests once again.

Meet Gridiron Club members during the reception starting at 2pm. Enjoy beer and wine during the reception hour. The show begins at 3pm. Dress is business casual.

Event tickets are \$70. Please contact Kevin Coyne at kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org to register for the event.

Baltimore Book Club Discussion

Monday, March 12 7:30 pm

Mother's Federal Hill Grille

1113 S. Charles St.

Baltimore, Md

The March selection is *Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford* by Clint Hill with Lisa McCubbin. Clint Hill was a U.S. Secret Service agent who spent 17 years protecting five United States presidents. He is best known for his bravery seconds after President Kennedy's assassination when he leaped onto the president's moving limousine and shielded President and Mrs. Kennedy with his body as the car sped to the hospital. Let's relive history through Clint's eyes.

The May selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Questions/RSVP: Helene Myers, Ph.D., P'14, at cedarhouse@comcast.net

DC: The Changing Market for Short-Term Furnished Rentals

Tuesday, March 20 6 pm

15 Dupont Circle Northwest

Washington, DC

Join Stanford Professionals in Real Estate (SPIRE) at Ampeer, the rebranded luxury concept from the former historic Patterson Mansion, where Charlotte Perry ('81), Founder, LUXbnb – a short-term furnished luxury rental management business, will talk about the changes in the vacation rental market as millennials come of age and how LUXbnb has positioned itself to capitalize on these market changes in Washington, DC. Dinner to follow at Tabard Inn.

For event pricing, details, and to RSVP, visit <https://www.spirestanford.org/events/event/dc-luxbnb-changing-market-short-term-rentals/> or email Sydnee Brooks at sydnee@spirestanford.org.

Stanford at the Opera **May 2018**

Join us for Leonard Bernstein's 'Candide' in May.

More details to follow in next month's newsletter. Contact bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org for more information.

Stanford In the News

- Stanford running back Bryce Love won the Lombardi Award, given to the top Division I football player based on performance, leadership, character, and resilience.
- Assistant professor of education at Stanford University's Graduate School of Education, Candace Thille, was selected to serve as Amazon's Director of Learning Science and Engineering. She will be taking a leave of absence from Stanford.

Get Involved

WDCSA Elections

WDCSA is a volunteer organization led by a team of four officers: President, two Vice Presidents, and Treasurer. We are currently seeking candidates for two offices, Vice President and Treasurer, for a term of two years, April 2018-March 2020. The other two officers' terms end in March 2019. We hope you will consider nominating yourself or an enthusiastic alum to help us move the organization forward! Following is a description of the position responsibilities:

Vice President

- Assist with WDCSA's daily operations
- Plans and presides over meetings, in coordination with the Co-Vice President, in absence of President
- Chairs special events and ongoing activities
- Prepares and posts minutes of meetings
- Attends planning meetings, keeps weekly communication with President
- Serves the President on special assignments
- Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month

Want to learn more before deciding? Contact WDCSA's co-Vice President, who is continuing through March 2019, Patricia Arty, at patricia.arty@gmail.com

Treasurer

- Pays bills and provides reimbursements to members
- Deposits checks for membership dues and event revenues
- Maintains the organization's bank account
- Prepares monthly reports on the financial condition of the organization prior to monthly planning meetings
- Prepares quarterly and annual financial reports for SAA
- Time commitment: 5-10 hours per month

Want to learn more before deciding? Contact WDCSA's outgoing Treasurer, Patricia Harrison, at (703)347-3141 or patriciamarbyharrison@gmail.com

If you are interested in running for one of the two positions, email a short Bio/Statement of Interest (100-150 words in length) and photo to Kevin Coyne at kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org by Wednesday, March 14th. Voting instructions will be emailed to WDCSA members in mid-March, and the polls will

be open until March 31st. Thank you for your interest and support for WDCSA!

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