



Princeton Association UK Newsletter

Events

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Spring has finally arrived and with the warmer weather comes more events with your fellow alum. We are still looking for several volunteers on the Events team, including volunteers to guide the specialised offshoots - a film club, a book club and a sporting events coordinator. Please contact bduvoisin@gmail.com if you would like to lead one of these initiatives or simply become involved with the Events in general.

Our winter events brought us out of the cold. The undisputed highlight was the discussion by James Steward, Director of Princeton's Art Museum, on his initiatives for the museum. He is reaching out to the wider community, highlighting more of the museum's vast collections and generally exposing more students and young people to the mysteries and delights of art. We hope to invite him back next year to see how the Art Museum has flourished even further! Londoners were also impressed by the Tigressions Concert at the end of January at both Marble Arch and St.Paul's Boys School.

Tue, 11 May: SPECIAL Darwin Centre Tour. ONLY FIVE PLACES REMAIN-join Teva Hesse '82 (<http://bit.ly/88njFK>), the architect whose firm designed and built the new Darwin Centre at the Natural History Museum, for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Centre and a discussion with one of the scientists, Blanca Huertas, Butterfly Curator (<http://bit.ly/KEIKG>). A unique opportunity.



Time: 18:30 drinks for 19:00 lecture and tour
Location: Darwin Centre, Natural History Museum
Nearest tube: South Kensington (use the Darwin Centre entrance on Queens Gate)
Tickets: Free for dues-paying members, £10 for guests. To reserve your places please contact Barbara Duvoisin bduvoisin@googlemail.com.

Teva Hesse, Princeton class of 82, is the Head of the London Branch of C.F.Moller Architects and led the successful bid for the project. A senior Museum representative will give a short introduction, followed by Teva and the story behind the project. We will then take a tour of the Cocoon, You may have seen some of the scientists who work in the Darwin Center and Cocoon in the last episode of BBC2's Museum of Life series (catch up on BBC's iPlayer).

Mon, 24 May: Chang-rae Lee - The Surrendered with Erica Wagner of The Times

Award-winning Korean-American author Chang-rae Lee introduces his latest book, a novel of war, expatriatism and Korean culture. In *The Surrendered*, the lasting memory of the Korean War changes the lives of two survivors who are forced to come to terms with their shared experiences. As the narrative moves between 1950's Korea and 1980's New York

and Italy, it weaves a layered story, exploring issues of class, identity, cultural memory, loyalty, betrayal, and personal re-invention.

Time: 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Asia House, Asia House
Festival of Asian Literature
Doors 6.15pm
Tickets £10, Concessions £6
Asia House Friends £5
For booking please call 020 7307 5454

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Announcements

News for dues paying members

Dues paying members have use of the facilities at Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London W1J 5ED.

This magnificent mansion in the heart of Mayfair includes a restaurant, bar and courtyard, members' room and library. Simply show your Princeton Association UK card at the front desk.

Fri-Sun, 9-11 July: Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix at Silverstone

For any Ivy League alums planning on attending the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in the UK this year from July 9 to 11, Alicia Syrett an alumnus of UPenn/Wharton and Columbia is planning an all-Ivy get together there.

She and several of her classmates will be at the Paddock Club for the duration of the races, and this informal all-Ivy gathering should serve as a great opportunity to connect with the local community at a very fun event! If interested in attending, please email her directly at [alicia.syrett.wh99@wharton.upenn](mailto:alicia.syrett.wh99@wharton.upenn.edu)

[.edu](mailto:alicia.syrett.wh99@wharton.upenn.edu), and she'll be happy to share the details with you.

More details and more events (pub nights, World Cup parties and NFL tickets) can be found on the PAUK website. Feel free to email bduvoisin@gmail.com with any questions.

Community Service

Sat, 29 May: Soup Kitchen for the Homeless in Westminster

Their mission is to provide the resources which encourage, inspire and challenge homeless people to transform their lives.

The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector day centre for homeless people. Each day they help more than 200 homeless and vulnerable men and women.

Number of volunteers: up to 10 for each date.

Location: The Passage Day Centre, St. Vincent's, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL (www.passage.org.uk)

Dates: Saturday May 1st and Saturday May 29th

Times: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Tasks will include: making and serving refreshments, sorting and putting out donated food, talking to the day centre clients, occasionally helping staff in the clothing store.

Ongoing: Mentoring Program - Literacy focus on reading and writing

The mentoring program is all about helping one or two young people who would require consistency of commitment and an understanding and respect for Westfield's type of young people and their level of learning. Westside is a relatively new school started in October 2006 on a charitable basis, to show that young people who have come off track should have a chance to go forward and succeed in a supportive educational environment.

The mentoring program at the School is to help students with special education needs who are in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). Westside is proving that with a more individual focus, young people with a history of problems fitting into mainstream can get back on track, and be productive members of the community. Students go on to college, 6th Form, or employment.

Number of volunteers: 1 to 2

Location: Westside School, 3-7 3rd Avenue, London, W10 4RS (www.westsideschool.co.uk)

Dates: Ongoing

Times: Mornings, Monday to Friday

ANYTIME during these hours that can be committed on a frequent basis would be a great help!

Mon, 31 May: 'Run for the Tiger' - Bupa London 10k Run - WWF Charity (www.wwf.org.uk)

"Along the course that is likely to be used for the 2012 Olympic marathons"

WWF asks all their guaranteed runners to pledge to raise £500. Any number of volunteers welcome!

Location: From St. James's Park along the river into the City and back again.

(http://www.wwf.org.uk/how_you_can_help/fundraising/fundraising_events/bupa_london_10_000_2010.cfm)

Date: Bank Holiday Monday May 31st

Contact: Richard Bennett (rbennettwwf@gmail.com)

Sun, 11 July: Asics British 10k Run - GOSH Charity (www.gosh.org)

Princeton is looking for volunteers to participate in this year's Asics 10K London Run on Sunday, July 11th in support of the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity. This will be our second effort in support of GOSH's wonderful work in treating sick children and teaching/training children's specialists.

Target sponsorship is £200 per entry.

Location: Hyde Park Corner to Royal Horse Guards (www.thebritish10klondon.co.uk/frameset/british10k2010.htm)

Date: 9.35am, Sunday, 11th July

Contact: Ross Mandeville

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Please email us as soon as you can if you are interested in any of the events described above, would not want you to miss out.

Community Service Alumni Leaders

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We look forward to meeting you and having fun together in a way that serves the community.

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Schools Committee

This month marked the completion of an historic admission cycle for Princeton and the UK. The total number of applicants to Princeton increased 19.5% this year and our UK region matched this growth with an impressive 21.5% increase. It has been a year of most inspiring and most difficult decisions - approximately 2148 candidates or 8.18% were offered places in the Class of 2014, down from a previous record low of 9.79% last year. Our region fared extremely well, as the UK admissions rate was an impressive 11.5% or 37 students, along with an additional 18 waitlisted.

For the first time, our UK admit pool included students from England, Wales and Scotland -- all in the same year! The UK admitted students are the largest number in history and the most diverse. Over 25 different schools, including State and independent schools, were represented in the pool, along with 18 nationalities. The students must respond with their matriculation decision by May 1st, the common reply date for the Ivy League. It will not be known until June whether any students will be

offered places from the waitlist. In past years, Princeton has offered places to as few as 0 and as many as 100 students from the waitlist.

Another piece of exciting news is that our ASC has been named a recipient of the S. Barkdale Penich, Jr. '25 Award for 2010. This award -- first presented in 1987 and given annually by the Admission office -- recognises the regional Alumni Schools Committee whose activities, enthusiasm and imagination have most effectively realised the primary goals of Schools Committee work: to recruit outstanding candidates for Princeton, to report skillfully on these candidates to the Admissions office and to represent Princeton to its local community. The award -- which was announced on Alumni Day, February 20, 2010 -- is typically presented to 2 or 3 of the 250 regions around the world and we share the 2010 award with the ASCs of Washington D.C. and Michigan.

With the completion of this cycle, Beth Moss Heller '78 P10 is now stepping down as ASC Chair in the UK; however, Beth will continue

her schools work as a board member of the Princeton Schools Committee, the standing Committee of the Alumni Council which oversees ASC work worldwide. In that capacity, she will continue to support the UK region as 'mentor', a designation that she now holds with approximately 15 countries worldwide.

Our 2010 leadership team - Beth, Mika, Laura and Lee -- would like to give a locomotive cheer to all the wonderful UK alumni interviewers who volunteered their time and efforts so generously this year. Existing ASC members should please remember to update their tignet accounts over the summer and notify Lee Turkel '84 (lee.turkel@ntlworld.com) of any changes to contact information. Existing ASC members who want to become more involved in schools outreach should contact Laura Banes '84 (john.banes@btinternet.com) and any alumni who would like to join the UK ASC should contact the ASC Chair, Mika Provata-Carlone '02 (mikaprovata@gmail.com).



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Membership

Dues for the Princeton Club are £20 a year or £10 for young alumni (most recent 5 classes). Dues help support our Alumni Schools Committee Work and entitle you to discounted tickets to Princeton Association UK events and invitations to members-only events. Your support is very much appreciated. Please send your dues (cheques payable to the Princeton Association UK) to:

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Blackberry House, Berghers Hill

Wooburn Green, High Wycombe BUCKS HP10 0JP

You can also pay via PayPal by visiting this page:

<http://www.princeton.org.uk/membership.php>

The Princeton Association UK serves the 1000 Princeton community in the U.K. Some of us have been here for many years; a few of us were even born here. Most are here all too briefly before returning to the States. However long you may be in the UK, the Princeton Association can enrich your experience through the people you'll meet and the events you'll enjoy. All our activities are open to Princeton alumni, parents, spouses and friends.