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# SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



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*The mission of the Smith College Club of Cleveland is to encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith past, present and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith and to contribute to the College's scholarship fund.*

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Holiday Party at the Chestnut Pavilion (Metroparks) and to **Mittie Jordan '75** and **Mindy Baierl '85** for creating a fun and festive atmosphere, including a holiday version of "Name That Tune" hosted by **Amy Carlson '84!** The country setting was lovely, enhanced by decorations provided by **Amy Miller '99** and her firm Branch and Bloom, and helped get everyone into the holiday spirit.

We have several exciting events coming up. This year, our Spring club-wide event will feature a Smith professor, Reid Bertone-Johnson, Lecturer in Landscape Studies and Manager of the Ada & Archibald MacLeish Field Station. Reid will discuss his work with the Mill River Greenway Initiative, a volunteer effort dedicated to designing and creating a greenway along the Mill River, a portion of which flows through the Smith Campus. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Our annual meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and will feature our own **Mittie Jordan '75** speaking about her work with the National Institute for Restorative Justice, the organization she founded in 2004.

We've had a great year with recruiting. **Martha Woerner '08** and **Veselina Radeva '09** have encouraged 12 young women to apply. Acceptance emails/letters should start arriving in late March.

If you haven't already done so, please consider paying dues (\$50 regular or \$80 sustaining) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Dues receipts represent the only source of revenue for the club and are used for mailings, candidate recruiting/book awards, leadership conference attendance, the Senior Smith Luncheon and the annual meeting. *The annual meeting luncheon is complimentary for all dues payers.* You can mail your check directly to **Samantha Mishne MSW '99** using the enclosed form pay by credit card on the club website.

And, finally, plans are underway for a new "Smith Salon" series in the Fall. If you know anyone in our Smith network who might be interested in sharing her story with fellow alums, please let me know and I will follow up.

Enjoy Spring!

Lynn-Ann Gries '84

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, April 23**                      **ACE – Book Discussion Day – *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders**                      **9:30 a.m.**

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ACE, the Association for Continuing Education, will host a book discussion on April 23<sup>rd</sup> about this 2017 best seller, a hybrid of drama, biography, history, and fantasy woven skillfully into a narrative about a dark chapter in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Fees, including lunch and parking, are \$25 for ACE members and \$30 for non-members. The location is Suburban Temple Kol-Ami, 22401 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Details can be found at [www.acesite.org](http://www.acesite.org) or by calling (216) 368-2090.

**Saturday, April 28**                      **Spring Event – Smith Professor Reid Bertone-Johnson**                      **2:00 p.m.**

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We are pleased to welcome to Cleveland Professor Reid Bertone-Johnson, a Lecturer in Landscape Studies and the manager of the Ada and Archibald MacLeish Field station in West Whately, MA. Professor Bertone-Johnson will discuss his work with the Mill River Greenway Initiative, an organization dedicated to designing and creating a greenway along the Mill River, a portion of which flows through the Smith campus.

Professor Bertone-Johnson has integrated the work of his studio classes into projects important to both Smith College and the City of Northampton. He develops studio projects for his students that take advantage of his expertise in sustainable landscape design, broad-scale landscape design, regional planning, and the interpretation and preservation of historic landscapes. His students generate creative solutions to complex problems for actual clients including the Ward 3 Neighborhood Association and the Mill River Greenway Initiative, both in Northampton.

The lecture will be held at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard, Shaker Heights and is open to the public. There will be a \$15 fee to cover rental of the venue and light snacks. RSVP to Betsy Sampliner at (440) 247-5774 or [bsampliner@me.com](mailto:bsampliner@me.com) or via EventBrite <https://tinyurl.com/yd3hlsx5>. Payment will be collected at the door, or you may pay by credit card via EventBrite.

**NOTE → On the morning of April 28<sup>th</sup> Reid has offered to lead a limited number of club members on a walk/talk through a section of our public gardens. Specifics will be forthcoming; please rsvp to Betsy to indicate your interest in this opportunity. First come, first served.**

**Friday, May 4**                                      **Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club**                                      **Noon**

The speaker will be Lael Carter who will talk about her recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. We will also hear stories from her time spent in Nepal while her husband was taking advantage of a Fulbright Scholarship.

Free for Senior Smithies, \$20 for guests and Smithies in classes from 1969-present. Separate invitations will be sent to the Senior Smithies. Others can RSVP by contacting **Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61** at [Suzanne338@aol.com](mailto:Suzanne338@aol.com) or (216) 561-7500.

**Saturday, June 23**                                      **Smith Club Annual Meeting**                                      **Noon**

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Formal invitations will be sent closer to the event. We'll have lunch, cover necessary club business, get an update on campus activities from Pam McNulty and then hear from our featured speaker, **Mittie Jordan '75** who will discuss her work with the National Institute for Restorative Justice.

Don't forget you can find all of Smith's publications here: <a href="https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/news-and-publications">https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/news-and-publications</a>	And remember to periodically check our club's Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/</a>
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## GENERAL NEWS

### Book Club

The schedule of books is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. The club convenes at 7:00 pm and the book discussion begins at 7:30. **IMPORTANT!** Book club is open to all – come when you are able, depending on your schedule and interest in the book. If you need any information, contact **Joanne Mortimer '70** at [mdrajimor@aol.com](mailto:mdrajimor@aol.com).

Title	Author	Date	Host
<i>The Girl Who Wrote in Silk</i>	<i>Kelli Estes</i>	<i>April 11, 2018</i>	<i>Diane Collier</i>
<i>The Summer Before the War</i>	<i>Helen Simonsen</i>	<i>May 9, 2018</i>	<i>Caroline Morgan</i>
<i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i>	<i>Isabel Wilkerson</i>	<i>June 13, 2018</i>	<i>Joanne Mortimer</i>

### Candidates and Book Awards

Thanks to the valiant efforts of **Veselina Radeva '09** and **Martha Woerner '08**, 12 applicants from our region have applied to Smith.

Did you know that Smith runs several summer programs for high school girls? Topics range from writing and women's history to science and engineering. This is a great opportunity for young women to get a pre-college experience and see what Smith has to offer. Admissions are made on a rolling basis but are due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. More information at [www.smith.edu/summer](http://www.smith.edu/summer).

**Robin Walker '87** is gearing up for "Book Award season". Presenting a book award to an outstanding young woman is extremely rewarding -- I encourage all of you to say "Yes!" if Robin asks you to help.

### Summer on the Cuyahoga

SOTC welcomed two new staff members in 2018. Executive Director Eric McGarvey hit the ground running in January and has actively engaged with NEO employers and the SOTC Board of Directors. Renee Murry is SOTC's newly hired Assistant Director who joins Eric in bringing organizational expertise and enthusiasm to her new role.

Eric has already visited all seven SOTC campuses and held a well-attended information session at Smith on Feb. 6th. He was joined at the information session by our five SOTC alumnae who are on the Smith campus this year: **Natalie Weiss '18**, **Yvonne Van Leuven '18**, **Abigael Stephens '18**, **Sunnie Yi Ning '18** and **Natalia Perkins '19** who all shared their love of Cleveland and their appreciation of our Club's outstanding support. Locally, **Musette Vincent '78** has joined Marjorie on the SOTC board and both **Chloe Lee '17** and **Sara Ramasastry '17** have pitched in to help create materials to publicize SOTC on campus.

Already, thirty-one Smith students have submitted applications to SOTC internships and a first hire is pending. Stay tuned! Employer and applicant numbers program-wide are very good. The hiring season, because of bringing on board new staff, is unfolding more slowly than last year but we anticipate reaching our goal of 60 SOTC interns. Several Praxis funded internships are available to Smith students, including two at the Ingalls Library and Archive at the Cleveland Museum of Art. The Ingalls library internship has been available to Smith students since 2015 and we have built a wonderful partnership with the staff at the Ingalls library. The Praxis stipend increased this year to \$3,000 from \$2,400, which is good news for the interns who can have a financially successful summer and even go home with some earnings in their pocket!

As an outgrowth of Smith students' interning at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cyra Levenson, Director of Education and Academic Affairs at CMA, joined **Marjorie Roth '67** on campus in October 2017 in a meeting with

faculty and staff from the department of art history, museum studies and archival studies as well as staff from the Lazarus Center for Career Development. Marjorie shared with the group the five SOTC internships that can be marketed to students majoring in these areas of study. Subsequent to this meeting and unrelated to summer internships, Cyra has engaged a group that is working to plan an undergraduate semester of study for Smith and Case Western students. **Jessica Nicoll '83**, Director of the Smith College Museum of Art, Barbara Kellum, Smith Professor of Art History, **Betsy Bolman '83**, Chair of the Art History Department at CWRU and Marjorie are engaged in planning this new and exciting opportunity. Stay tuned for additional information.

### **Alumnae News & News from Northampton**

William & Mary has named a woman to lead the university for the first time in its 325-year history and there's a Smith connection! The school in Williamsburg, Virginia, said in a statement Tuesday that Smith College provost Katherine Rowe will become its 28th president. Rowe has served as provost and dean of the faculty at Smith since 2014, working as its chief academic officer. Her areas of research and scholarship include Shakespeare as well as Medieval and Renaissance drama and media history. William & Mary said Rowe has been a leader in digital innovation of the liberal arts and transformed Smith's liberal arts curriculum. She also increased diversity in the faculty and broke national fundraising records for women's colleges.

Former United States poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Rita Dove will deliver the commencement address at Smith College's graduation ceremony on May 20. Dove, who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1987 and served as U.S. poet laureate from 1993-95, is also slated to receive an honorary degree. Along with the commencement speaker, former president of Smith College Carol Christ, Columbia Law School professor Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, Academy Award winner **Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy '02** and former president of Greenfield Community College Robert L. Pura will also be awarded honorary degrees.

The Department of Art History and Art at CWRU has chosen **Elizabeth (Betsy) S. Bolman '83** as its new chair and Elsie B. Smith Professor in the Liberal Arts. A leading expert on late antique, Byzantine, and early medieval Egyptian art, Professor Bolman comes to Cleveland from Temple University where she was on the faculty for seventeen years.

The Cleveland Foundation has hired **Dale Anglin '86** as the new program director for youth and social services. Dale spent the past 11 years at the Victoria Foundation in Newark, N.J., where she was responsible for programming in higher education, STEM/STEAM, K-12 education, summer youth employment, and leadership efforts.

**Sonya Rhie Mace '93** was featured in a December 2017 Plain Dealer article about the upcoming restoration of the Cleveland Museum of Art's seventh-century Cambodian statue of the Hindu god Krishna. The goal of the project, funded by a \$70,000 Bank of America Art Conservation Project grant, is to dismantle and reconstruct the sculpture's 11 pieces to re-create its correct pose for the first time since the fragments were unearthed in stages starting more than a century ago. In addition to recreating the original pose, the reconstruction will enable viewers to walk around the sculpture and view it from all sides, and will also enable conservators to disassemble and reassemble the Krishna so it can travel to other museums.

**Dr. Sheryl Kingsberg '84** has been appointed President of the Board of Trustees of the North American Menopause Society, North America's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the health and quality of life of all women during midlife and beyond through an understanding of menopause and healthy aging.

### **In Memoriam**

We are always sad to report the passing of alumnae and friends. **Anita Koblitz '43** passed away in July 2017; **Mary Jones Chilcote '48** and **Lucia Smith Nash '50** in December 2017, **Nancy Comey Stevenson '47**, **Daisy Simmons Ford '47** and **Sandra Newman Colbert '60** in January 2018 and **Ella Quintrell '49** in February 2018.