



SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



September 2020

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,

"The best way for us to cultivate fearlessness in our daughters and other young women is by example. If they see their mothers and other women in their lives going forward despite fear, they'll know it's possible." **Gloria Steinem '56**

I really love that quote from fellow Smithie Gloria Steinem. I especially appreciate that Gloria writes about going forward "despite" fear, not without it. We are living in such a precarious moment in history right now and many of us are feeling uncertainty, fear, or sadness at missing the rhythm of our normal lives. I have been feeling all of these emotions as I navigate the waters of helping my two young children learn virtually at home while my husband and I juggle our own work commitments. I know that you are all experiencing your own challenges and it comforts me to know what a resilient group of women Smithies are and how we always create new and wonderful ways to stick together and support one another.

In a typical fall, we gather for a fall program, attend monthly book club and celebrate the season at the holiday party in early December. Obviously, this year will be different. Instead of a fall program, I invite you to enjoy President McCartney's Presidential Colloquium Series which you can register for and watch on Zoom:

- **Eric K. Ward**, September 9th, 8pm: Authoritarian State or Inclusive Democracy? What We Can Do Right Now
- **Gail Collins and Bret Stephens**, September 15th, 7pm: The 2020 Election: A Conversation with NY Times Columnists Gail Collins and Bret Stephens
- **Gloria Steinem '56 and Julie Taymor**, September 17th, 8pm: The Glorias: Building Movements through Storytelling
- **Marcello Suárez-Orozco**, October 8th, 8pm: Humanitarianism, Education and Mass Migration: Confronting the World Crisis

For all of the details on the series, how to register, and upcoming spring speakers, please visit: <https://www.smith.edu/president-kathleen-mccartney/presidential-colloquium-series>

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find the brand-new Book Club schedule! There are some exciting reads and a nice mix of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. A huge thank you to **Joanne Mortimer '70** for all of her hard work keeping our book club on track.

For anyone wondering how Summer on the Cuyahoga managed to run this summer amid the pandemic, please take a moment to read the wonderful report written by **Marjorie Roth '67**. Marjorie has worked tirelessly to represent Smith on the SOTC Board for many years and she has moved mountains at the College and in Cleveland to make the program the success it is with our students. She is an exceptional woman and a real force of nature and we are so lucky to have her on Team Smith!

Judith Bryan '76 and I are working together to offer a small Salon style Zoom chat in November 2020 focusing on "Hibernation Media": Creating and Entertainment During a Pandemic. Also, we are organizing an opportunity around Thanksgiving for Smith Club members to volunteer together at the Cleveland Food Bank in a masked and socially distanced way for those members who are up for that experience. Stay tuned for more details via email.

For the first time ever, we are mailing a Club Directory to every single Smithie in our database. In the past, we have only distributed directories to dues paying members. However, we realize that in doing that, many of you never get to hold a directory in your hands and see how large, vibrant and multi-generational our club is. Please take advantage of this directory and find ways to connect and engage with your local Smithies. A tremendous thank you goes to **Laura Whay Klein '88** for creating and editing this directory which took countless hours of her time.

As we start a new fiscal year, please take a moment to pay your club dues: Sustaining \$80, Regular \$50, Junior (Classes 2010-2015) \$25, Recent Graduate (Classes 2015-2020) \$Free. Your dues represent the only source of revenue for our club and are used for candidate recruiting/ book awards to outstanding high school students, club programming and speakers. We hope to offer a spring program, Senior Smith Luncheon and the Annual Meeting in 2021. Thank you for your continued and faithful support! You can mail your check directly to Armine Thompson '07 using the enclosed envelope or you can pay online through the club website under membership <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>

Take care everyone!

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GENERAL NEWS

Book Club

We have an exciting list of books to read this year! The schedule is printed below and it is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. Meetings are being held via Zoom for now. Book Club convenes at 7:00pm for chatting and 7:15pm for book discussion. 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 mdraijmor@aol.com.

Title	Author	Date	Moderator
<i>Educated</i>	<i>Tara Westover</i>	<i>September 9, 2020</i>	<i>Joanne Mortimer</i>
<i>A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain</i>	<i>Robert Butler</i>	<i>October 14, 2020</i>	<i>Nancy Duff-Boehm</i>
<i>Varina</i>	<i>Charles Frazier</i>	<i>November 11, 2020</i>	<i>Eileen Gold</i>
<i>Olive Again</i>	<i>Elizabeth Strout</i>	<i>December 9, 2020</i>	<i>Suzy Hartford</i>
<i>Come to Me</i>	<i>Amy Bloom</i>	<i>January 13, 2021</i>	<i>Juanita Dalton-Robinson</i>
<i>Book of Ages: The Life and Opinion of Jane Franklin</i>	<i>Jill Lepore</i>	<i>February 10, 2021</i>	<i>Ginnie Dawson</i>
<i>Crazy Brave / An American Sunrise</i>	<i>Joy Harjo</i>	<i>March 10 2021</i>	<i>Marilyn Langmack</i>
<i>The Overstory</i>	<i>Richard Powers</i>	<i>April 14, 2021</i>	<i>Judith Bryan</i>
<i>Hamnet</i>	<i>Maggie O'Farrell</i>	<i>May 12, 2021</i>	<i>Pat Ashton</i>
<i>Tough Love</i>	<i>Susan Rice</i>	<i>June 9, 2021</i>	<i>Mittie Jordan</i>

Summer on the Cuyahoga (Report prepared by Marjorie Roth '67)

SOTC courageously entered new territory this summer and launched a “combo” program for in-person and virtual interns, providing substantial virtual programming for all and outdoor events for those in town. Case housing allowed all in residence to have a private room and bath. The interns were diligent about following health guidelines and interns and staff remained healthy throughout the summer.

Five current Smith students participated in SOTC 2020:

- Elisabeth Nesmith '22 sociology major from Kentucky interned at the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio
- April Hopcroft '21 a neuroscience major from Washington interned at Policy Matters Ohio
- Priscilla Aurthur '21 an economics major from New York interned at Metro Health
- Cassandra Linder an Ada scholar from Massachusetts interned at Karamu House
- Rose Sears '22 an engineering major from Michigan interned in Cleveland at Hana Technologies

A wonderful, generous, caring team of Cleveland Smithies hosted our interns. When you see them, thank them! Our host team included:

Samantha Mishne '99, Sara Ramasastry '17, Chloe Lee '17, Leen Ajlouni '18, Natalia Perkins '19, Kylie Fisher '13, Emily Matz '18, Amy Miller '99, Julianne Roseman '13 and Martha Woerner '08.

Hosts and interns met virtually and at a social distance and forged strong bonds and caring connections. The interns asked to continue to meet as a group with the hosts when they begin Smith's virtual first semester. It's easy to see how their connection to Cleveland grew when you read intern Priscilla Aurthur's note beginning "how do you fall in love with a city you've never visited?"

Several interns look forward to a second SOTC internship in 2021 and hope to have the chance to enjoy the full program and be in residence. All in all, mission accomplished in extraordinary times!

In response to new Praxis funding from Smith for new graduates, **Marjorie Roth '67** contacted several SOTC employers and three 2020 graduates began virtual internships in August. Included in this group are:

- Katherine Thompson from Pennsylvania and an SOTC intern at Karamu House in 2018, returned to work at Karamu House in the archives department.
- Tessa Solomon a sociology major from Maryland joined the staff at the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio
- Eindra Kyi a computer science major joined **Leen Ajlouni '18** at North Coast Ventures

Hosts and interns are meeting virtually to support the new graduates in this challenging job market. **Kylie Fisher '13** will join **Marjorie Roth '67** on the SOTC Board of Directors this fall. Many thanks to **Musette Vincent '78** who is stepping down.

In Memoriam

We are always sad to report the passing of alumnae and friends. **Kathleen Stoll (Smith '58 and CWRU Mandel School MSSA '60)** passed away on September 2, 2020, and **Ann Case '54** passed away on July 31, 2020. We will miss these extraordinary women beyond measure.