



Fall 2021

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 Fellow Smithies,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the start of fall in Cleveland! As soon as school let out in June, our family headed to Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons and spent a wonderful ten days hiking, horseback riding and enjoying the stunning beauty of the national park landscape. It was an emotionally restorative trip and a chance to really relax and soak in new experiences with our children now eight and twelve years old. I hope that you all had an opportunity to recharge this summer whether it was here in Cleveland seeing friends and family, or if your travels took you to new sights and sounds. I know that we all share in the feeling that time spent together with family and friends feels more precious than ever.

2020-2021 was a challenging year for the Smith club board to navigate scheduling club programming. So many of our programs are planned 6 months or more in advance and the COVID protocols continue to shift under our feet. Senior Smith had a successful in person luncheon on June 4, 2021 with Dr. Joanne Mortimer '70 as the outstanding speaker. Our board then decided to postpone our June 2021 Annual Meeting for a fall date. I sent out a survey in September to gauge the club's interest in postponing the annual meeting until June 2022 and the answer from club members was an emphatic yes. So, we will postpone our annual meeting until June 18, 2022. Dr. Elizabeth Bolman, Professor and Chair of Art History at Case Western Reserve University and fellow Smithie will be our illustrious speaker. We can't wait to hear all about her new research. Another bonus of shifting the date is that our SOTC student interns will be able to join us!

As we start a new fiscal year, please take a moment to pay your club dues: Sustaining \$80, Regular \$50, Junior (Classes 2012-2016) \$25, Recent Graduate (Classes 2017-2021) \$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 plan to host the spring 2022 Senior Smith Luncheon and the Annual Meeting on June 18, 2022. 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/smithclev>

Take care everyone!

Amy E. Miller '99

President, Smith College Club of Cleveland

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>The Mountains Sing</i>	<i>Nguyen Que Mai</i>	<i>October 13, 2021</i>	<i>Yen Izanec</i>
<i>Sister Moon</i>	<i>Karen Joy Fowler</i>	<i>November 10, 2021</i>	<i>Kathy Abramczyk</i>
<i>The Water Dancer</i>	<i>Ta-Nehisi Coates</i>	<i>December 8, 2021</i>	<i>Juanita Dalton-Robinson</i>
<i>The Vixen</i>	<i>Francine Prose</i>	<i>January 12, 2022</i>	<i>Eileen Gold</i>
<i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i>	<i>Yuval Noah Harari</i>	<i>February 9, 2022</i>	<i>Joanne Mortimer</i>
<i>Antigone - A Play at the Cleveland Playhouse</i>	<i>Adapted by Emily Mann</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>We will attend the play and then have a moderated discussion led by Rachel Lerner-Ley on a separate date.</i>
<i>Homegoing</i>	<i>Yaa Gyasi</i>	<i>April 13, 2022</i>	<i>Mittie Jordan</i>
<i>Klara and the Sun</i>	<i>Kazuo Ishiguri</i>	<i>May 11, 2022</i>	<i>Betsy Sampliner, Marilyn Langmack, Amy Miller</i>
<i>Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents</i>	<i>Isabel Wilkerson</i>	<i>June 8, 2022</i>	<i>Judith Bryan</i>

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

After a slow start to the hiring season, and a challenging recruiting experience with students off campus or restricted on campus, we welcomed a full cohort of 11 Smithies to Cleveland in early June. The fully vaccinated SOTC 2021 cohort of 71 interns, thoroughly enjoyed exploring Cleveland and greatly benefited from the return to dormitory living, connections with new friends, and meaningful work. Many interns worked in person while some participated virtually or in a hybrid model.

Our Smith 2021 interns and hosts included:

- **Cameron Findlay '23** from PA, interning as a Warshawsky Fellow at CMA. (Hosts: Betsy Bolman and Samantha Mishne).
- **Nyla Conaway '23** from CT interned with Praxis support in the Karamu House Archives. (Hosts: Musette Vincent and Emily Matz)
- **Jaweria Shah '23** an aspiring physician from CT thrived at Metro Health. (Hosts: Joanne Mortimer and Leen Ajlouni)
- **Claire Gillespie '21** an engineering graduate from NY interned at Hana Technologies before beginning graduate school at BU. (Hosts: Mindy Baierl and Kylie Fisher)
- **Constantina Bauloye '22** an engineering major, recently arrived in the US from Greece in 2019

and interned at Hana Technologies. (Hosts: Kylie Fisher and Chloe Lee, 2-week home stay with Nancy Duff-Boehm and Greg Boehm)

- **Egypt Ballet '23** from New Orleans LA interned at Shoes and Clothes for Kids. (Hosts: Julianne Roseman and Nancy Duff-Boehm)
- **Chloe Carr '22** from MD worked at Metro Health and learned she does not want a profession where she sits in an office, a valuable outcome! (Hosts: Lexa Becker and Erin Davis)
- **Melissa Krieger '23** from FL, a government major and aspiring attorney, interned with the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio with Praxis support. (Hosts: Elizabeth Chandler and Katie Collin)
- **Stephanie Colmenero Chavez '23** from New Mexico was our inaugural Praxis intern at Zygote Press. This new opportunity developed by Kylie Fisher was an outstanding experience for Stephanie. (Hosts: Natalia Perkins and Veselina Grassi)
- **Cassandra Linder '23** Ada Comstock Scholar returned for a second SOTC summer and interned at the Ingalls Library and Archive at CMA. (Hosts: Yin Mei Lim and Joanne Bonder)
- **Alice Ahn '21** Ada Comstock Scholar enjoyed her teaching experience at the REACH Program before heading to Chicago to join Teach for America. (Hosts: Amy Miller and Judith Bryan)

Highlights of the summer for Smith interns and alums included a closing August gathering under the red umbrellas when we again enjoyed the generous hospitality of Susan and Hal LaPine. Nyla, Egypt and Cassandra connected with Cleveland black alums at a picnic on Wade Oval. Many thanks to Mittie Jordan who was the guiding force behind this special event and to Dale Anglin who followed up with Nyla and Egypt and interviewed them the following day on her radio show.

Our Karamu House interns over four years brought the Karamu Archives to life with their outstanding work. Their accomplishments were recognized this summer with the transfer of the Karamu Archive to the Kelvin Smith Library at Case. We anticipate Smith students will continue to intern under this new structure.

Our hosts and interns navigated the challenges of a pandemic summer and made meaningful connections under changing circumstances, a heartfelt thanks to each and every host for her efforts! Three of our 2021 interns expressed interest in returning to Cleveland: Alice Ahn to join REACH again next summer, Cameron Findlay for graduate studies in Art History at Case, and Jaweria Shah, because she came to love Cleveland. Stay tuned!

We congratulate Kylie Fisher '13 on her new faculty position at Furman University and welcome Emily Matz '18 as her replacement on the SOTC Board of Directors alongside Marjorie Roth. As we begin planning for summer 2022, please share any and all ideas you have for SOTC employers with Marjorie or Emily.



Presidential Colloquia Will Explore Issues of Democracy



Top row, from left: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi; activist Carol Jenkins; journalist Maria Hinojosa. Bottom row, from left: New Yorker staff writer Masha Gessen; Harvard professor Annette Gordon-Reed; Washington Post opinion writer Jennifer Rubin.

About Smith's Year on Democracies

In 2021–22, Smith College will host an ambitious set of programs and events under the organizing theme [“Year on Democracies.”](#) This collegewide initiative is an opportunity to examine democracies around the world, through every aspect of the college’s educational offerings: the curriculum, exhibitions, performances, lectures, special events, and the work of its centers and institutes.

President Kathleen McCartney invited six outstanding women to participate in this series. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and activist Carol Jenkins already gave lectures in September, but there are several more to come.

- Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 5 p.m.—Peabody Award-winning journalist **Maria Hinojosa**
- Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 5 p.m.—National Book Award-winning author & New Yorker writer **Masha Gessen**
- Thursday, March 31, 2022 5 p.m.—Harvard law and history professor **Annette Gordon-Reed**
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5 p.m.—Washington Post opinion writer **Jennifer Rubin**

More information about the speakers and the events is available at <https://www.smith.edu/president-kathleen-mccartney/presidential-colloquium-series>

About Smith's Presidential Colloquium Series

The [Presidential Colloquium](#) series regularly features influential thought leaders in a wide range of fields—from poets and writers to economists and policy experts—to share their expertise, offer insights and inspire discourse on key social, political and global topics that call for our attention. Lectures are free and open to the public.

In Memoriam

We are always sad to report the passing of alumnae and friends. **Caroline Morgan '47** and friend of the club, **John Gardner**, husband of **Anne Larkin Gardner '57** (d. April 2006) passed away in March 2021, and **Marie Reilly Heed '56** and **Kathryn (Kitty) Makley '60** passed away in September 2021. We will miss these friends dearly.