

## APRIL EVENTS 2021

**Save the Date!** The Radcliffe Club's **Annual Meeting will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 22 PDT** via Zoom. Jenny Gotwals, Curator for Gender and Society at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library, will speak on "Documenting Women's History at the Schlesinger Library." If you have questions for Jenny in advance, please email them to Kathy Henschel at [kghenschel@gmail.com](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com). In addition, Alice Abarbanel will give us a brief update on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, and we will elect club officers and decide on the club's contributions to the projects we support. More details next month.

**Culinary Adventures: Wednesday, April 14, at 11:30** via Zoom. We have options!!! Well, maybe. Eating lunch outdoors is currently OK by the rules, but a table seating 4 or less (near enough to hear each other and far enough for ongoing safety rules) may be hard to come by. Indoor lunch, 50%, is also OK for now, but tables are limited to 6 people from no more than 3 households. Got that? So, calling all restaurant raters: feed me possibilities and I'll try to put together a couple of proposals for your consideration. Those who aren't ready for radical behavior can easily convene on line. So let's be talking!! RSVP to Pat Bourne [patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu](mailto:patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu), phone or text, 415-867-0410.

**Book Group: Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m.** via Zoom. . RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at 415-589-7001.or [alison\\_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu](mailto:alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu). She will send an email with instructions for joining the meeting. The book for April will be **Norwegian by Night** by Derek B. Miller. "Miller's affecting debut, about a cantankerous Jewish widower transplanted to Norway who becomes party to a hate crime, is an unusual hybrid: part memory novel, part police procedural, part sociopolitical tract and part existential meditation." Kirkus "Truly a page-turner...*Norwegian by Night* is about past wars and present-day ethnic strife, family, grief, guilt and, ultimately, redemption. Korea (and phantom Koreans), Vietnam, the Holocaust, ethnic identity — Serb, Norwegian, Muslim, and yes, Jewish, these are the true characters of the novel.Funny, moving and thoroughly gripping." *Jewish Week*  
The book for May will be **Quicksand** by Nella Larsen. "Nella Larsen's novels *Quicksand* (1928) and *Passing* (1929) document the historical realities of Harlem in the 1920s and shed a bright light on the social world of the black bourgeoisie. The novel's greatest appeal and achievement, however, is not sociological, but psychological. . . . Larsen takes the theme of psychic dualism, so popular in Harlem Renaissance fiction, to a higher and more complex level, displaying a sophisticated understanding and penetrating analysis of black female psychology" (back cover).

**Film Group: .Saturday April 24 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom. We are continuing with **Great Directors Great Films**. Our film will be **Gentlemen's Agreement**, filmed in 1947. Directed by Elia Kazan, and starring Gregory Peck, it is the story of a highly respected writer who decides to write a series of articles about Anti Semitism in America, by pretending he is Jewish. The film is much more subtle in its depiction of racism and bigotry than had been seen before on screen. RSVP to Lucille Poskanzer at [LBPoskanzer@icloud.com](mailto:LBPoskanzer@icloud.com).

**Writers' Workshop:** Gloria Wu and Cynthia Travis invite members to join their fiction and non-fiction Writers' Workshops, respectively. We meet via Zoom to share our current output and discuss one another's work. To join, or for more information, please contact Gloria at [gwu2550@gmail.com](mailto:gwu2550@gmail.com) or Cynthia at [ctravis@sonic.net](mailto:ctravis@sonic.net)

**Harvard Overseer Elections:** All alumnae and alumni are eligible to vote for the university's overseers and Harvard Alumni Association directors. The voting is open from April 1 through May 18 and can be done by either email or paper ballot. The overseer candidates have been nominated by an HAA Nominating Committee or by alumni petitions. For information on the candidates, see <https://elections.harvard.edu/>. RCSF members are urged to exercise their right to vote and to consider the candidates and issues carefully.

**Membership:** You can renew your membership, join the club or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women at the club website at [www.radcliffeclubsf.org](http://www.radcliffeclubsf.org). The "For Members" section contains the updated Membership Directory, a Membership Update and a Treasurer's Report. Please send changes in your directory information to [kghenschel@gmail.com](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com).