

MAY EVENTS 2021

The Radcliffe Club's **Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m.** 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." Please email questions for Jenny to Kathy Henschel at kghenschel@gmail.com. In addition, Alice Abarbanel will give a brief update on the Radcliffe Alumnae Oral History Project, and we will elect club officers and decide on the club's contributions to the projects we support. Members will receive Zoom link by email in advance.

Culinary Adventures: Wednesday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. Let's save the date for sure. Maybe Zoom, maybe ???!! I will send out a poll to everyone on my lunch list to see how the breezes are blowing and then will be in touch!! RSVP to Pat Bourne, phone 415-867-0410 or email patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu.

Book Group: Sunday, May 9, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. . RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at 415-589-7001 or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu. She will send an email with instructions for how to join the meeting. 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) The book for June will be **Middlemarch** by George Eliot. Rich in narrative irony and suspense NOTE: It's long.

Film Group: Saturday May 15, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are continuing with **Great Directors Great Films**. Our film will be **Pinky**, filmed in 1949, directed by Elia Kazan and starring Jeanne Crain, Ethel Waters and Ethel Barrymore. The film focuses on racism and "passing"--Pinky is a light skinned woman who has been "passing" up North, but things change when she comes back South to visit her grandmother, forcing her to confront her true identity. The film was nominated for many awards and was quite controversial at the time of its release. If you would like to join us, please send an email to LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and I will send you the link.

Writers' Workshops: Gloria Wu and Cynthia Travis invite members to join their Writers' Workshops. We meet via Zoom on Saturday afternoons to share our current output and discuss one another's work. To join, or for more information, please contact Gloria at gwu2550@gmail.com or Cynthia at 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. 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.

Oral History Project panel at Harvard virtual reunion: Friday May 28, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. PDT via Zoom. This panel is a featured presentation at this year's online reunions. RCSF members, Alice Abarbanel and Julie Cheever, and two volunteer interviewers from Radcliffe 1966 will give updates on the project including several excerpts from alumnae interviews. Alumnae who are in reunion classes or who have had a 50th reunion can register at <https://alumni.harvard.edu/reunions/virtual-programs>. Others who would like to join can contact Alice at radcliffecollegevoices@gmail.com. She will send you the Zoom link when she receives it from HAA.