

NOVEMBER EVENTS 2023

A Conversation with Harvard Provost Alan Garber on Wednesday, November 8, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Join Northern California alumni to hear about current events at the University, and gain an insider view of recent changes and their impact on university priorities.

As Provost, Dr. Garber oversees academic activities throughout the university, with direct responsibility for inter-school initiatives, faculty development, research policy, international affairs, and advances in learning. Harvard Art Museums, Harvard Libraries, Harvard Health Services, HarvardX, American Repertory Theater, and Arnold Arboretum are some organizations that report to the Provost.

To register, go to <https://harvardclubsf.org> and click on the event. If you have questions, please contact harvardclubofsacramento@gmail.com

Book Group: Sunday, November 12, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Janet Hankin will send an email to the book group with instructions to join the meeting. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at jghankin@jps.net.

The book for November is **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver. “Like Dickens, Kingsolver generates momentum by galloping the reader through escapades that accumulate to advance a larger question — in this case, about how an artist’s consciousness is formed” (Molly Young, New York Times). The novel provides “her best demonstration yet of a novel’s ability to simultaneously entertain and move and plead for reform” (Ron Charles, Washington Post).

The book for December is **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann. “Grann has proved himself a master of spinning delicious, many-layered mysteries that also happen to be true... It will sear your soul” (Dave Eggers, New York Times). “A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history...” (Amazon).

NOTE: The Martin Scorsese film of the book was released on October 20, 2023, giving us the opportunity to compare book and movie.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. Stone Korean Kitchen, ground floor of 4 Embarcadero, facing the plaza. Indoor and outdoor seating. Across the street from end of 1 CA bus line. RSVP to Pat at 415-867-0410 or to patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com. Easy RSVP coming up.

Film Group: The Film Group will not meet in November. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. The film will be **Phoenix**, a 2014 German film starring the renowned actress Nina Hoss. It has won many awards. The plot involves a badly disfigured Holocaust survivor who undergoes facial reconstruction, and seeks out her husband and friends who may have betrayed her to the Nazis. They believe she is dead, and have gone on with their comfortable lives—in fact her husband is seeking to collect her inheritance. This is a serious film about revenge and forgiveness as well as a wounded psyche. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send you the link.

RCSF Speakers Series – Videos of our two most recent sessions are available on the "RCSF Speakers Series Recordings" page of the club website: radcliffeclubsf.org. Don't miss **Sara Naomi Bleich**, on “Harvard and The Legacy of Slavery”; and **Gabrielle Oliveira**, on “Now We Are Here: Family Migration, Separation, and the Hope for a Better Life.” Please contact kghenschel@gmail.com if you need help with the password.

At the club website, you can also renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women. The “For Members” section contains the Membership Directory, Membership Update, and Treasurer’s Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.