

JANUARY EVENTS 2025

Culinary Adventures: Bay Area: Wednesday, January 8, at 11:30 a.m. Let's meet at Perry's Embarcadero, 155 Steuart Street, between Mission and Howard, across from the Ferry Building. Its cuisine favors all-American favorites, its style borrows from the friendly neighborhood salons of NYC's Upper East Side, and it adds breathtaking views. Please RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm or (415) 317-2150.

Online lecture on "The Good Life": Thursday, January 9, at 1 p.m. PST (4 p.m. EST). Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor **Robert Waldinger**, the author of a book of the same title, will explore questions about what brings us happiness and what it means to live a good life. The Harvard Alumni Association is sponsoring the program for Harvard and Radcliffe alumni/ae. Registration is required; go to <https://alumni.harvard.edu/programs-events/good-life-with-robert-waldinger-0>.

Book group: Sunday, January 12, at 3 p.m. PST, via Zoom. Janet Hankin will email the meeting link to regular participants. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at jghankin@ips.net. **(Note change of book):** The book for January is ***Circe* by Madeline Miller**. "*Circe* is very pleasurable to read, combining lively versions of familiar tales (like the birth of the Minotaur or the arrival of Odysseus and his men on Circe's island) and snippets of other, related standards (a glance at Daedalus and Icarus; a nod to the ultimate fate of Medea after she and Jason leave Aiaia) with a highly psychologized, redemptive and ultimately exculpatory account of the protagonist herself" (Claire Messud, New York Times). The book for February will be ***The Personal History of David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens** (postponed from January).

Film Group: Saturday, January 25, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are doing something different for the next few meetings -- watching a miniseries, two chapters every month. The series is **Belgravia**, a 2020 production from the creative team that brought us Downton Abbey. This period drama follows the Trenchard family at a period of time when the emerging nouveau riche rub shoulders with the London establishment upper classes and when secrets from the past threaten to emerge. Gorgeous costumes, wonderful settings, and lots of intrigue! If you are interested in joining us, please email Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send you the link.

RCSF Speakers Series: Sarah Blaffer Hrdy's December 7 talk about her new book, ***Father Time: A Natural History of Men and Babies***, is available now on the RCSF website Speakers Series Recordings page (at www.radcliffeclubsf.org). If you need help with the access password, please contact Kathy Henschel at kghenschel@gmail.com.

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Volunteer Opportunities: Members are invited to help organize and run the club's programs and projects. We are looking for on-line event organizers to help run our Speakers Series (a few sessions each year), good writers to update the club's history (some research involved), good organizers to help organize the club's files, and someone with financial expertise to be a Co-Treasurer. Please contact Co-President Kathy Henschel at kghenschel@gmail.com for information.

Membership renewal: Thank you to all who have renewed. If you haven't yet done so, you can renew or join the club at <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/membership-information.html>.