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ALPHA ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

Summer 2021



THE ALPHA ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Alpha Association is pleased to announce the 2021 winners of our two scholarships for graduate studies. Joey Glick from Colorado College will receive the \$3,000 scholarship, and Renée Blevins from the University of Colorado at Boulder will receive the \$2,000 scholarship.

Thanks to all Alpha Association members for your donations that make these awards possible and to the Scholarship Committee for their hard work. The applicants had excellent credentials, and the committee completed a thorough evaluation before choosing the two winners. The Alpha Association board approved the recommendations.

Committee members were Barbara Berryman (Chair), Tom Hall, Amy Rell, Jim Elkins, Julie DeWoody, and Kate Silz-Carson.

Joey Glick



Joey Glick, a proud native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a 2011 alum of Colorado College with a major in anthropology and

an MA from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He is currently a student at Hebrew College in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, in his last year of study pursuing Rabbinic Ordination and an MA in Jewish Studies.

Before starting at Hebrew College, Joey worked as the interim assistant chaplain and director of Jewish life at Vassar College. As a rabbinical student, Joey has served small communities in the Adirondacks, the Green

Mountains, and on the Maine coast. Joey is passionate about inter-religious dialogue, old time fiddle music, and his hometown Pittsburgh Pirates.

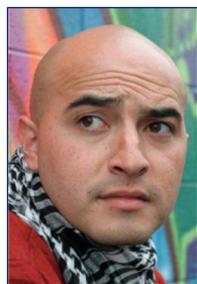
Renée Blevins



Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Renée Blevins graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder in

2017. She credits her education at CU for allowing her to explore a wide range of activities, academic subjects, and outdoor endeavors. She double majored in Spanish language / literature and psychology, was a member of CU's

Colorado's Poet Laureate to Speak at Annual Meeting on October 9, 2021



The Alpha Association's annual meeting and lunch will be Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, Colorado, 80204 (<http://www.denverathleticclub.cc>). A short business meeting to review the past year and to elect officers for the coming year will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker will be Bobby LeFebre, Colorado's eighth and current poet laureate. Governor Polis appointed Bobby in July 2019 to a four-year term, saying that he "embodies the spirit of a 'Colorado for All,' where everyone is included, no matter their background." Bobby is a two-time Grand Slam Champion, a National Poetry Slam Finalist, an Individual World Poetry Slam Finalist, and a two-time TEDx speaker. He attended North High School, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the University of Denver. His 2019 play *Northside* had 30

sold-out performances at Su Teatro.

The cost of the lunch will be \$35.00 and will feature an Italian buffet (mixed green salad, meatballs and Italian sausage, penne pasta with marinara sauce, tortellini with Alfredo sauce, vegetable medley, and tiramisu for dessert). As always, guests are welcome!

If you plan to attend, please return the reservation form with a check for your lunch to the address on the form, or pay online through PayPal (treasurer@pbkcolorado.org). Reservations must be received by Monday, **October 4, 2021**. If you make a reservation but cannot attend, please email board@pbkcolorado.org. We may not be able to refund the lunch cost because we are guaranteeing the number of guests.



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National Champion Triathlon team, worked as a student ambassador, served as vice president of her sorority, and was involved in campus ministry. As a Norlin scholar, she participated in the SUEP Research Conference by presenting her work on campus and in the community with The Body Project, a cognitive dissonance based eating disorder prevention

program. She is currently working towards her MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Since graduating from CU, Renée has worked to integrate her love for the outdoors with her passion for mental health. This summer, she has been taking classes online while serving as a programming director for a Catholic high adventure summer camp in Jamestown, Colorado.

She expects to graduate in May 2022. Upon graduating, she hopes to be able to work with both English- and Spanish-speaking clients in settings that help them heal and grow. In her free time she loves to hike, rock climb, read, and cheer on the Buffs!

Proposed Board of Directors for 2021–22

The following members have agreed to serve on the board of directors for this coming year:

- *President*: Diane Palese
- *1st Co-Vice Presidents (Programs)*: George Gramer, Jr.; Sue Kiernan
- *2nd Vice President (Membership)*: Barbara Berryman
- *Secretary*: Kristin Adcock
- *Treasurer*: Greg Sorensen
- *Ex officio*: Ben Palen

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Thank you to Emma Smith for all her contributions over the past year.

FALL ACTIVITIES

The next movie discussion is Thursday, September 9. The movie is *Suffragette*, a drama set in 1912 London and starring Cary Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, and Meryl Streep. It is available from Netflix and Amazon Prime. Meeting details will be emailed in September.

The Key Connections event for younger PBK inductees will be September 29, 2021, at the Punch Bowl Social. National will send invitations to newer members.

Dues / Email and Street Addresses

Please check your address label to see when your dues expire. Your membership can be renewed by filling out and returning the renewal slip in this newsletter or through PayPal (send payment to treasurer@pbkcolorado.org). If you are no longer interested in being a member, please tell us.

Send any new street or email addresses to board@pbkcolorado.org. If you have not received any recent emails, we do not have a valid email address for you. Also, if you inadvertently unsubscribe from our list, MailChimp does not allow us to resubscribe you; please contact us for information.

Emails for other activities will be sent out when details are finalized.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For information about being a mentor or applying for a mentorship, please visit <https://www.pbkcolorado.org/mentorship>.