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BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES FALL AND WINTER 2018 CALENDAR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Pat Kiernan, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Bobbito Garcia and many more join BHS for reflections on a post-9/11 NYC, the one year anniversary of Hurricane Maria and the global intersection of pop culture

August 28, 2018 Brooklyn, NY— Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is pleased to announce its Fall and Winter 2018 calendar of public programs. The robust schedule includes conversations about how NYC and the world have changed since 9/11, how Puerto Rico's historical connection to New York has served as a conduit for relief efforts, the global intersection of pop culture through the lens of legendary NYC Radio DJ Bobbito Garcia and additional topics shaping local and national conversations about this moment in history.

Tickets and registration for all events are currently available on BHS's website, brooklynhistory.org.

Through a variety of voices, these topics of discussion will bring to life BHS's mission to consider multiple points of view and represent the people, events, and activities that have shaped and continue to shape our borough, city, and nation.

All programs take place at 128 Pierrepont Street.

September

New York State, Reproductive Justice, and the Midterm Elections

Thu, Sep 6, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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What's at stake for abortion access in New York State this November? On the eve of September's primary, and the Reproductive Health Act left unpassed in Albany, join **Laura McQuade**, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of NYC, Inc.; NYS Senator **Liz Krueger**; **Irin Carmon**, author of *The Notorious RBG* and senior correspondent for *New York Magazine*; and **Lynn Roberts** of CUNY School of Public Health, for a discussion about the state of reproductive health, rights and justice locally and nationwide. The program is preceded by video segments from *NO CHOICE*, a series that, through personal stories, reminds us of pre-Roe v. Wade United States.

Presented in partnership with Planned Parenthood of NYC, Inc. and Public Square Media.

Transformed Overnight: The Impact of 9/11

Tue, Sep 11, 7:00 pm

Free

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Seventeen years after the 9/11 attacks, we reflect on how NYC and the world have changed through the eyes of three cultural creators: **Tina Chang**, Brooklyn's first Poet Laureate who wrote movingly about the attack; **Clifford Chanin**, 9/11 Memorial & Museum EVP & Deputy Director of Museum Programs, who relays the complex process of developing the Museum's narrative; and **Pat Kiernan**, a journalist whose work reporting NYC news spans our pre- and post-9/11 city.

Presented in partnership with the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. This program follows a day of free public viewing at BHS of artist Wolfgang Staehle's video piece in which the attacks are captured.

Hurricane Maria: Puerto Rico's Reckoning, One Year Later

Thu, Sep 13, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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What do the complex legacy of colonialism and the uncertain future of climate change mean for Puerto Rico today? Former New York City Council Speaker **Melissa Mark-Viverito** and Associate Professor and Deputy Chair, Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at Brooklyn College **Alan A. Aja** sit down with *Refinery29* news and politics reporter **Andrea González-Ramírez** to reflect on the impending one-year anniversary of Hurricane Maria's strike on Puerto Rico, the unjust federal response, and how the island's historical connection with New York has served as a conduit for grassroots relief efforts and community healing.

Presented in partnership with Power For Puerto Rico

Book Talk: Never Ran, Never Will: Boyhood and Football in a Changing American Inner City

Mon, Sep 17, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Join *BuzzFeed* criminal justice reporter and author **Albert Samaha** for the uplifting story of the Mo Better Jaguars, a youth football team offering opportunity, community, and refuge to Brownsville's young men. Against the backdrop of a Brooklyn community grappling with economic tensions and encroaching gentrification, the gridiron gives these young players the opportunity to forge friendships and their own visions for the future. The author is in conversation with culture writer for The Atlantic, **Hannah Giorgis**.

Growing Up Evangelical: A Woman's First-Hand Account

Thu, Sep 20, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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In *Pure*, an insider's account of the culture of purity imposed on young women raised in the evangelical Christian faith, **Linda Kay Klein** unmask the traumatic fear-mongering that she endured as an adolescent. Writing *Pure* led her to congregations across the nation. She discusses her journey, bridging the church's sexual shaming with wider societal subjugations of women, in this conversation with former *New York Times* "On Religion" columnist **Samuel Freedman**.

Book Talk: *Upending the Ivory Tower: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Ivy League*

Tue, Sep 25, 6:30pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Go inside the story of the pioneering black students, staff, and faculty members that reshaped the hallowed halls of Ivy League institutions of higher learning. Chair of the Department of African American Studies at Loyola Marymount University, **Stefan Bradley**, shares the history of how the Black Power movement took hold in university halls, forever changing curricula, narratives, and opportunities for black empowerment through education.

Screening and Talkback: *Rock Rubber 45s* featuring Bobbito Garcia

Thu, Sep 27, 7pm

Free

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Streetball, sneakers, and Hip-Hop collide in this singular documentary from the mind of **Bobbito Garcia**. Featuring interviews with Chuck D, Patti LaBelle, Questlove, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and more, experience this exploration into the global intersection of pop culture phenomena through the lens of Bobbito's career as a ball player, sneakerhead, and fixture in NYC's hip-hop radio scene. Featuring a talkback with Bobbito and Brooklyn Hip Hop Festival founder **Wes Jackson**.

October

New York's Gargoyles: The Immigrants Who Made Them and the Hunters Who Saved Them

Tue, Oct 2, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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From the 19th-century European artisans who incised their imaginations into NYC's ever-taller edifices, to the obsessive gargoyle hunters who rescued this distinctive American art form from ruin in the postwar period, **John Freeman Gill** tells a sweeping story of the creation, near demise, and ultimate salvation of some of the city's most extraordinary visages. Join Gill, author of *The Gargoyle Hunters: A Novel*, for an illustrated talk about this quintessential New York adventure story. Moderated by journalist and documentary filmmaker **Laurie Gwen Shapiro**.

Immigrant Women, Labor, and the Quest for Gender Justice

Wed, Oct 10, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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How can immigrant women workers achieve safe and just work environments free from sexual harassment and violence? Join us as **Bernice Yeung**, *ProPublica* reporter and author of *In a Day's Work: The Fight to End Sexual Violence Against America's Most Vulnerable Workers*, shares the harrowing experiences she chronicles in her book. She is joined by **Rachel Isreeli** of the Center for Family Life's Cooperative Development Program in Sunset Park, which organizes cooperatives in the traditionally exploitative domestic work industry. **Joanna Morales**, a home care worker, will share her perspective as a worker-owner of Golden Steps Elder Care Cooperative.

Presented in partnership with the Brooklyn Community Foundation and The New Press.

Bank of America present History Makers

Ron Chernow on Ulysses S. Grant

Thu, Oct 11, 6:30 pm

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Ron Chernow, award-winning author of *Washington: A Life* and *Alexander Hamilton* (the biographical inspiration behind the musical phenomenon), applies his peerless approach to the complicated figure of Ulysses S. Grant in this exploration of the story behind the larger-than-life general and president.

The Not-So-Sweet History of Sugar

Tue, Oct 16, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Join social historian and York College professor **James Walvin** as he uncovers the fraught history of one of our most prevalent ingredients: sugar. From its role in catalyzing colonialism and slave trading, to its current contributions to health crises, Walvin delivers this history without any sugar coating.

Presented in connection with the exhibition "Waterfront."

Book Talk: *Brooklyn Tides: The Fall and Rise of a Global Borough*

Wed, Oct 17, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Tracing Brooklyn's ascent from blighted outer borough to worldwide brand, authors **Mark Noonan** and **Benjamin Shepard** uncover the local consequences of globalization through the literature, social activism, and changing tides of capital as it crashes onto the shores of this ever-transforming borough.

Presented in connection with the exhibition "Waterfront."

The Path to a Post-Rikers NYC

Wed, Oct 24, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Hope for breaking the brutal violence of Rikers Island with a 10-year plan to close the complex brings with it new questions on accountability, bail reform, borough-based jails, inmate release, and the persistent inability to operate a humane criminal justice system, regardless of location. *New York Times* reporter **Ashley Southall** leads a conversation tackling these tough questions with criminal justice experts including CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance Executive Director **Michael Jacobson**, Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice **Dana Kaplan**, and Vera Institute Program Director **Insha Rahman**.

Incivility: Violence in Congress on the Path to the Civil War

Thu, Oct 25, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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If you despair of today's political environment, and can't imagine a more unruly and uncivil time, look no further than **Joanne Freeman**'s latest book, *The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War*. The Yale historian documents the collapse of civil dialogue amongst members of congress in the years preceding the Civil War, from vitriolic diatribes to the infamous attack on Charles Sumner on the Capitol floor. She is joined in conversation by fellow historian and author, **Alexis Coe**.

Boos in the Borough: A Brooklyn Historical Halloween

Wed, Oct 31, 6-9 pm

Free

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BHS opens its doors for an evening of Halloween hijinks! Join us for tales of Brooklyn's ghosts featuring Boroughs of the Dead founder **Andrea Janes**, an exploration of funerary traditions with death educator **Amy Cunningham**, and more celebrations of all things macabre. Come in costume and participate in a contest for the title of Best Dressed Ghoul in Brooklyn!

November

Elections in the Age of Trump

Mon, Nov 5, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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On the eve of the midterm elections, **John Sides**, professor of political science at George Washington University and coauthor of the new book, *Identity Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the Meaning of America*, provides a gripping, in-depth account of the 2016 presidential election from the bruising primaries, to the election night that defied the predictions of pundits and pollsters. Sides will be in conversation with **Clare Malone**, Senior Political Writer at FiveThirtyEight.com.

Presented in partnership with the Social Science Research Council's Media and Democracy program.

Tales from the Vault: Brooklyn for Peace

Wed, Nov 7, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Founded amid the tensions of the Cold War, Brooklyn for Peace is an organization known for its involvement in local, national, and international political issues including nuclear disarmament, military recruitment, and more.. Join two members of our library staff, **Maggie Schreiner** and **Laura Juliano**, as they share Brooklyn for Peace's 30-year history through their vast archival collections spanning 200 grassroots movements, which were recently catalogued and made available in the Othmer Library.

Book Talk: *Saving Bravo*

Mon, Nov 12, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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In observance of Veterans Day, join author **Stephan Talty** (*The Black Hand, Captain Phillips*) for a harrowing story from one of the world's most contentious conflicts. Shot down and stranded behind enemy lines during the turning point of the Vietnam War, Lt. Col. Gene Hambleton would become the subject of the greatest rescue mission in Navy SEAL history. Talty shares a story of survival and sacrifice in this illustration of the cost of war.

About Them Apples: Inside Brooklyn's Cider Boom

Wed, Nov 14, 6:30 pm

\$10 / \$5 for Members

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A refined, hyper-local potpourri of apple-based libations is taking root in Brooklyn, with makers inspired by everything from Green-Wood Cemetery trees to medieval Basque traditions. *Condé Nast Traveler* food and drink writer **Craig Cavallo** moderates a conversation with **Susan Yi** of Brooklyn Cider House, **Jahil Maplestone** of Descendant Cider Company, and **Joy Hammond** of Proper Cider as they share stories of navigating production in the inner city, shifting forces in regional agriculture, and the secret to crisp apple sips.

Presented in connection with the exhibition, "The Business of Brooklyn."

Brooklyn's Guyana

Tue, Nov 20, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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While Brooklyn is widely known as home to one of the largest Caribbean diasporas in the world, lesser known is the presence of the Guyanese-American community, the 5th largest immigrant community in NYC. Join three of Guyana's leading female literary voices to explore the politics and role of migration in Brooklyn's dynamic community. **Gaiutra Bahadur** (*Coolie Woman*), **Natalie Hopkinson** (*A Mouth is Always Muzzled*), and **Rosalind Kilkenny McLymot** (*The Guyana Contract*) will also reflect on the importance of Guyanese women who, since the 1950s to present, have been a driving force in migration from the Caribbean. Moderated by **Grace Aneiza Ali**, Assistant Professor, NYU's Department of Art & Public Policy.

Presented in partnership with the Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association, New York Chapter, whose president, Karen Wharton, will make an introduction.

Bank of America presents History Makers

Frederick Douglass and Fugitive Slaves: David Blight in Conversation with Andrew Delbanco

Mon, Nov 26, 6:30 pm
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Yale historian and author of *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* **David Blight** sits down with Columbia University's **Andrew Delbanco**, author of *The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War*. Join these celebrated thinkers for a conversation about abolition and a pivotal era in American history.

Remembering the 70s and 80s: A Bygone Brooklyn
Wed, Nov 28, 6:30 pm
\$5 / Free for Members
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The images captured in photographer **Larry Racioppo**'s new book, *Brooklyn Before: Photographs, 1971-1983*, tell the story of a gritty borough all but lost today. Racioppo is joined by two who remember: novelist and *New York Daily News* columnist **Denis Hamill** and journalist **Tom Robbins** of the *Village Voice* and *New York Daily News*. **Julia Van Haften**, founding curator of the New York Public Library's photography collection, joins this conversation about a lost Brooklyn and the art of street photography.

Malls vs. Bodegas: Resisting the Suburbanization of the City
Thu, Nov 29, 6:30 pm
\$5 / Free for Members
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While chain stores proliferate along neighborhood main streets, a simultaneous phenomenon of storefront vacancy threatens the character of NYC's famously vibrant street life as landlords push out small business owners, holding out for higher-paying tenants. Join Center for an Urban Future Executive Director **Jonathan Bowles**, author of *Vanishing New York: How a Great City Lost Its Soul* **Jeremiah Moss**, and Director of Economic Policy at the Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development **Lena Afridi** for a conversation moderated by *Vanity Fair* contributing editor **Paul Goldberger** as they consider how to counteract the "mall-ification" of public space and commerce in NYC.

December

Performance as Tool for Social Justice: Bryan Doerries and Shaun Leonardo in Conversation
Wed, Dec 5, 6:30 pm
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Bryan Doerries, Artistic Director of Theater of War Productions, uses performance of classical literature to confront and heal trauma. He works with individuals and communities that range from veterans to gangs. **Shaun Leonardo** uses participatory performance to similarly explore vulnerability, power, and loss. His series, *I Can't Breathe*, which responds to Eric Garner's killing, is part self-defense class and part social activism. In

an evening that includes both demonstration and discussion, these two innovators explore their cutting-edge work and the power of performance to confront social issues.

“Muslims in Brooklyn” Listening Party

Thu, Dec 6, 6:30 pm

Free

[Reserve your Spot>>](#)

For well over a century, Muslims have lived, worked, and prayed in Brooklyn, making it a major center of Muslim life for NYC and the nation. Join us as we celebrate the official online publication of Brooklyn Historical Society’s *Muslims in Brooklyn* oral history collection. Led by BHS oral historian and project director **Zaheer Ali** and project coordinator **Liz Strong**, *Muslims in Brooklyn* brings to light the stories of Muslims from all over the Borough. Spend the evening listening to a curated selection of interviews which together paint a first-hand picture of how Muslims have both shaped and been shaped by life in Brooklyn.>>

Stripping Stigma: HIV/AIDS in NYC Now

Mon, Dec 10, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Author and historian **Sarah Schulman**, Columbia University Associate Dean of Community and Minority Affairs **Dr. Robert Fullilove**, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center Director of HIV Prevention **Anthony Albanese** explore the footprint of the crisis of decades past, continued inequity in education and treatment across racial and socioeconomic communities, and marked efforts for opening the conversation surrounding HIV/AIDS in the post-PrEP era

Presented in partnership with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center.

Book Talk: *Victory City: A History of New York and New Yorkers During World War II*

Wed, Dec 12, 6:30 pm

\$5 / Free for Members

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Historian **John Strausbaugh** brings to life the many denizens of New York City during the era of World War II. From ship fitters and soldiers, to profiteers and pacifists, Strausbaugh shares the story of how this costly conflict played out on the streets of New York, and how its consequences paved the way for the city to become the global capital it is today.

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach. In May 2017 BHS opened a second site in DUMBO's Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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