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Our 2017-2018 season is quickly coming to an end; make sure you're on our mailing list so you receive all future announcements.

How to Register for Events

Visit us online or contact us by phone or email to register before event deadlines!

Past Events

We hope you were there!

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FROM THE CHAIR | JIM HERRON



Thanks to Cristina Nosti, Mitch Kaplan and all our friends at Books & Books, The Prologue Society continued its exciting season at our lunch on March 8 with a brilliant, enthusiastic and marvelously knowledgeable presentation by Giles Milton of his new book, *Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare: The Mavericks Who Plotted Hitler's Defeat*. I think we can all agree that we have had great success with British historians this year. James Holland, Simon Sebag Montefiore, Bijan Omrani and, of course, Giles Milton, were all personable, entertaining, excellent speakers and completely informed about their subject.

We now approach the end of this season of The Prologue Society with a blockbuster: David Grann will be joining us on Wednesday, April 18 to discuss his new book, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and The Birth of the FBI*. This book, in addition to being named a best book of the year by many literary critics, was chosen as Amazon's Best Book of 2017. I've watched some news clips and YouTube videos of Mr. Grann talking about his book and he was absolutely riveting. We're in for a real treat.

Our April 18 luncheon will take place at Palmeiras Beach Club at Grove Isle, where the registration deadline comes a bit earlier than usual and where parking is by valet at \$8/vehicle. Continue reading for all the event details.

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OUR NEXT EVENT



David Grann

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
12:00-2:00pm

Palmeiras Beach Club at Grove Isle
4 Grove Isle Drive, Miami, FL 33133

Registration closes Tuesday, April 3

Killers of the Flower Moon

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West--where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes like Al Spencer, the "Phantom Terror," roamed--many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization's first major homicide investigations and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

In *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating.

David Grann is a staff writer at *The New Yorker* and the best-selling author of *The Lost City of Z*, which was chosen as one of the best books of the year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other publications and has been translated into more than twenty-five languages. He is also the author of *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes*. His work has garnered several honors for outstanding journalism, including a George Polk Award.

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Author Events

Unless otherwise specified,
all author events are
luncheons, held from
12:00-2:00pm
at

Riviera Country Club
1155 Blue Road
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Doors open at 11:30am

Cancellation / Refund Policy

IMPORTANT NOTE
regarding cancellation and
no-show: No refunds or
credits will be allowed
without at least three
business days' notice
before each event date (as
that is the deadline set by
our venue).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The upcoming April 18 luncheon with David Grann is the final luncheon of our 2017-2018 Silver Anniversary season.

Our 2018-2019 season will be announced early in the fall – so make sure that you are on our mailing list! Contact us right away if you have not been receiving our announcements and newsletters via email (and US mail, if you do not have email).

HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

To register:

- **Online:** Visit ThePrologueSociety.org and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call our office and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message stating that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send us a note, along with your check for \$50.00 per person, made payable to The Prologue Society.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call or email Debbie** so that she knows to expect you!

To pay:

- **Enter your credit card details** on the secure website;
- **OR mail your check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society;
- **OR bring your check** to the luncheon.

Note:

- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online).
- **IMPORTANT: You must register before the posted deadline**, as we must guarantee our reservation with the venue ahead of time.

PAST EVENTS

Bijan Omrani | February 22, 2018



Giles Milton | March 8, 2018



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