Mills College Club of New York

<u>C</u>lub Update

Greetings to our MCCNY friends,

It has been some time since the Mills College Club of New York had to cancel our spring activities, and we hope that you are all safe, well, and able to enjoy the summer. As we head towards the fall, Margot and I thought we would touch base and send you a couple of items of interest.

1. Most of us received the notice from the Alumnae Association of Mills College (AAMC) about the **upcoming town hall on September 17**. If you didn't, this is what it is all about:

In June President Hillman hosted a videoconference to inform alumnae donors of the College's response to COVID-19, as well as discuss the possible growth of Mills' partnership with UC Berkeley. During and after the videoconference many alumnae expressed further questions and concerns regarding the partnership and the College's financial challenges. The AAMC wanted to facilitate an opportunity for alumnae to pose these questions and concerns directly to the administration.

We have gathered your questions for the administration from email, phone conversations, the <u>AAMC Facebook group</u>, and the newly created (and wonderfully active!) <u>Strong Proud</u> <u>All Mills Facebook group</u>. In collaboration with the Office of the President and the Office of Alumnae Relations, the AAMC will host a virtual town hall on September 17, 2020, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm PDT, where your issues will be addressed by representatives from each of these organizations. Keep an eye out for an email invitation coming soon with details about how to register.

In case you missed the email invitation that went out from the College to all alumnae, you can still <u>register</u> for the Town Hall to receive the log-in/dial-in instructions. Please note the time will be 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm EDT.

2. Another item of interest is a book to be released in November by Sarah Miller, Assistant Adjunct Professor of Art History. She received a \$15,000 grant from the Wyeth Foundation to aid in publishing *Documentary in Dispute* about the photographer Berenice Abbott. Read more by clicking on these two links:

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<u>Documentary in Dispute: The Original Manuscript of Changing New York by Berenice Abbott and</u> <u>Elizabeth McCausland by Sarah Miller</u>

3. Although the reunion this year has been cancelled, there will still be virtual programs starting on Thursday, October 1. You can find the link for the program schedule <u>HERE</u>.

As part of the program, there will be a book discussion on October 1 of *There There* by Tommy Orange. This is the book selection assigned to first-year students to read and discuss.

There There: a novel by Tommy Orange

4. The Online Alumnae Community has added a Business Directory and we hope that those of you who have businesses will sign up. So far, all the entries are in California, and it would be great to see those in the NY/NJ/CT area on the list too! It's a good way to network and hopefully even increase your business.

The link to the Business Directory is <u>HERE</u>.

Take care of yourselves and we will be in touch again.

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