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Central Oregon: Armchair Traveler: Mexico's Baja Peninsula

Thursday, June 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

OLLI member **Alan Smith** has traveled extensively since childhood, visiting all fifty states and about eight of the National Parks. Alan and his wife Bonnie, spend approximately half of the year hiking, backpacking and taking road trips. We invite all members to join Alan for an armchair tour of Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

In 2008, the Smiths spent six weeks on an RV trip excursion to the Baja. This presentation will include a slideshow of their photos of beach walks, beautiful sunsets, their whale watching adventures, and the many birds observed during this winter excursion. For those *continued on page 2*

Eugene/Springfield: Language Hotspots—Perspectives on the Global Crisis of Language Extinction

Wednesday, June 1, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Many of the world's languages will be lost this century. Around the world, language endangerment, linguistic diversity, and levels of documentation are not evenly distributed. Given that the amount of time to do basic documentary linguistics is finite as are the potential financial and human resources available, priority areas have been identified where efforts must be focused to address the global language extinction crises before it's too late. These are the so-called Language Hotspots. Roughly two-dozen Hotspots have been identified. The criteria for establishing language hotspots will be *continued on page 7*

Portland: Beethoven's Revolutionary Ninth Symphony—Open House

Wednesday, June 29, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Even at its first performance in Vienna in 1824, the audience knew they had witnessed a momentous musical event. Waving their handkerchiefs and hats, shouting and stamping their feet, the audience reaction was overwhelming. Completely deaf and still swinging his arms after the last note had been played, Beethoven, unaware, had to be turned around by one of the soloists to face his audience.

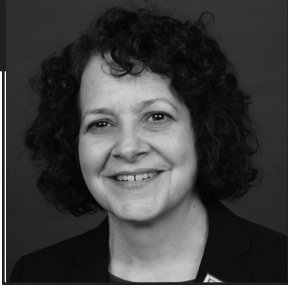
Using digital slides and audio samples from the music, **Linda Hathaway Bunza** will take you on a journey through Beethoven's Ninth Symphony from its premier in post-Napoleonic Vienna to its place in today's world as a call for international peace and unity. *continued on page 12*



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Central Oregon

Editor's Note: Central Oregon



June is a month of transition for OLLI-*UO* in Central Oregon. Leaving the Chandler Building and saying goodbye to the *UO* Undergraduate Program

staff is bittersweet. After all, this has been our local headquarters since the *UO* launched the Silver Sage Society in fall 2003, and we've enjoyed the support and friendship of the *UO* Undergraduate staff and faculty for many years.

I'd like to express my deep appreciation to all the *UO* administrative staff we've worked with over the past eight years: John Moseley, John Leahy, and Diane Pritchard, the *UO* Undergraduate Program faculty who've so willingly offered instructional support, and the two wonderful program assistants who've divided their time between the undergraduate program and OLLI-*UO*: Gail Merydith (2004–2008) and Wen Wick (2008–present). Thank

you for so generously sharing the Chandler Building resources with our lifelong learning program! Your belief in OLLI-*UO* has been invaluable to the Central Oregon members and the Academic Extension staff.

As you look through this month's newsletter, you'll notice that many of our groups will move from the Chandler Building as spring term draws to a close on June 10. Some of the summer meeting sites are familiar, like the Des Chutes Historical Museum and the Bend Senior Center, while others may be new to you. Please pay special note to the locations included in the monthly schedule listings and weekly e-minders—we don't want you to miss any of your favorite groups!

If you have any questions about our summer locations or the program schedule, please don't hesitate to contact the OLLI-*UO* office by calling 541-617-4663 or 800-824-2714.

Ruth Heller, Program Director

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considering visiting the Baja Peninsula, Alan will also offer information on how others might plan for a safe visit.

Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Box Program and Field Trip

Thursday, June 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
The Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Box Project, featured on "Oregon Field Guide" last fall, was designed to enhance the survival outlook for this beautiful bird, whose population has suffered a decades-long decline.

The Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Box Project first began in 2002, and has now expanded to seven areas around Central Oregon serving as a model for similar programs in Western North America.

Diane Kook of Bend created and manages this successful nest box

program. In creating the project, she drew on her prior and continued involvement in another local nest box program for the American Kestrel. Her experience provided key insights as she began to put a nest box program for the Lewis's Woodpecker into place for Central Oregon.

The project has received national and international recognition for its success, and as a result, similar nest box projects are being initiated in other parts of western North America!

In this lecture and discussion session, Diane will show the "Oregon Field Guide" segment and describe the project in detail. On the following Thursday, June 23, she will lead OLLI members on a field trip to see both the birds and boxes in the nearby Awbrey Butte Fire burn area.

We'll gather around 9:30 a.m. at the Ray's Food Center parking lot at 210 SW Century Drive. The walking won't be too rigorous, but Diane suggests participants bring water, sunscreen, binoculars, hats, and sturdy walking shoes. More details will be provided at the lecture session. Please call to register for the field trip, 541-617-4663 or 800-824-2714 by Tuesday, June 21.

We think you will find Diane's enthusiasm for birds and this project contagious.

For more information about the project, you can also visit the East Cascades Audubon Society website: <http://www.ecbcbirds.org/> (Click on the "Projects" tab for information related to this program.)

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Study Group: The Wisdom of History

Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Do the lessons passed down to us by history, lessons whose origins may lie hundreds, even thousands, of years in the past, still have value for us today? Join us for this fascinating ongoing study group. The first two sessions will be held at the Chandler building on June 1 and 8, then we'll move to the Des Chutes Historical Museum for the remaining Wednesdays. Please note the sessions at the museum will begin at 10:15 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m.

Fort Rock Cave Tour

Friday, June 3, 7:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m. OLLI-CO members will journey to Fort Rock Cave in the Fort Rock Basin, which has served as a vital part of the Native American life-style in Oregon. The Cave is the site of an archaeological discovery made in 1936 by Dr. Luther Cressman from the University of Oregon of several 9,000 to 13,000 year-old sagebrush sandals and human artifacts.

The story of the Fort Rock Basin is told by the artifacts left behind and by the rich oral tradition of the tribes who claim the area as home. We will have the opportunity to tour the cave and many of the nearby sites.

Guides from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will lead us on the fifteen minute van ride from Fort Rock Park to the cave site, a gentle one-third mile hike to the cave, a ninety-minute presentation in the cave, then return hike and van ride back to Fort Rock Park. At Fort Rock Park, the tour will continue through the Fort Rock Museum and other

points of interest, e.g. hiking in the Fort Rock Basin, and visiting the historic cemetery.

Tours into the cave are limited to ten people per group, and we are limited to two OLLI groups of ten each. While the first cave tour is in progress, the second will tour the museum and other areas. The two groups will meet for lunch at noon, and at 1:00 p.m. the groups exchange guided tours.

Rangers recommend people

twenty-seven miles south on Highway 31 past Silver Lake. Reservations are required and the cost is \$24—for a meal that is large enough to feed you all week! Menu choices are a 26-30 ounce steak or a whole chicken. There's no splitting dinners and coolers are recommended to bring leftovers home. <http://www.cowboy-dinnertree.net/>. When you call to RSVP, please let us know if you'll be joining the group for dinner or return-

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wear warm layers, a hat, firm shoes, and bring water; the weather can range from wind and spitting snow to very warm temperatures. Please do not bring pets; they cannot be left in vehicles while owners are on the tour.

We'll meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Albertson's parking lot on 97 South, leaving the parking lot by 8:00 a.m. to make the seventy-mile trip.

There's still time to register. Call the OLLI-UO office, 800-824-2714, by May 27 to reserve your space, and let us know if you're willing to be a carpool driver. With the price of gas on the increase, we're suggesting that each passenger contribute \$10 to the driver to cover expenses.

One additional option for the afternoon following the Cave tours is dinner at the Cowboy Dinner Tree. The Cowboy Dinner Tree is

ing to Bend after the tour.

Summer Schedule Updates

Many of our discussion and study groups will take summer breaks. Ruth Burleigh's Thinking Allowed group held their last pre-summer session on May 9 and will resume regular meetings on Monday, September 12. Thinking Allowed II will end this month, then return to Touchmark on Monday, September 19.

The Book Discussion Group will also be on hiatus for June, July, and August. Look for the first fall session on Tuesday, September 6. Members who'd like to make suggestions for the fall reading selections should contact Helen Pruitt at hppruitt@aol.com.

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1 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Wisdom of History [DVD study group] Napoleon's Liberal Empire, The British Empire in India. Facilitator: Michael McCallister (CBLL)

3 Friday

7:45 a.m. Fort Rock Caves [field trip] Call 800-824-2714 to register by Friday, May 27.

Noon July Newsletter Submission Deadline

6 Monday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed II [discussion group] Facilitator: Helen Vandervort (TMRL)

7 Tuesday

Noon Round Table Luncheon at Tethrow Golf Club For reservations, contact: Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com or call Wen at 541-617-4663.

8 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Wisdom of History [DVD study group] Russia and Empire, China and Empire. Facilitator: Michael McCallister (CBLL)

9 Thursday

2:00 p.m. Armchair Traveler: Mexico's Baja Peninsula [lecture] Presenter: Alan Smith (DHM)

10 Friday

1:00 p.m. Science in the Twentieth Century [DVD study group] Culture—Anthropology and Archaeology, Culture—History. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (CBLL)

13 Monday

3:00 p.m. Membership Outreach Committee Chair: Leslie Koc, 541-306-6083 (CBUL)

15 Wednesday

10:15 a.m. Wisdom of History [DVD study group] The Empire of Genghis Khan, Britain's Legacy of Freedom. Facilitator: Michael McCallister (DHM)

16 Thursday

2:00 p.m. The Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Box Project [lecture] Presenter: Diane Kook (DHM)

17 Friday

1:00 p.m. Discussing Science [discussion group] Open discussion of topics suggested by members. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (TBA)

20 Monday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed II [discussion group] Facilitator: Helen Vandervort (TMRL)

22 Wednesday

10:15 a.m. Wisdom of History [DVD study group] George Washington as Statesman, Thomas Jefferson as Statesman. Facilitator: Don Hartsough (DHM)

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23 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Lewis's Woodpecker Nest

Box Project Sites [field trip]

Call 800-824-2714 to register by Tuesday, June 21.

24 Friday

10:00 a.m. Governing Council Meeting

President: Russel Hopper,
541-647-2200 (TBA)

1:00 p.m. Science in the Twentieth Century [DVD study group]

Culture—Linguistics, Society—
Sociology. Facilitator: Russ Hopper
(DHM)

28 Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Program Committee

Meeting Chair: Helen Pruitt (TBA)

29 Wednesday

10:15 a.m. Wisdom of History [DVD

study group] America's Empire of
Liberty—Lewis and Clark, America
and Slavery. Facilitator: Don
Hartsough (DHM)

Locations

Chandler Building
1027 NW Trenton, Bend

Bend Senior Center
1600 SE Reed Market Rd., Bend

Touchmark at Mount
Bachelor Village
19800 SW Touchmark Way, Bend

DesChutes Historical Museum
129 NW Idaho Ave., Bend

Dudley's Bookshop
135 NW Minnesota, Bend

Key

CBLL = Chandler Building Lower Level
CBUL = Chandler Building Upper Level
BSC = Bend Senior Center
DHM = DesChutes Historical Museum
TMA = Touchmark Auditorium
TMRL = Touchmark River Lodge
DB = Dudley's Bookshop
TBA = To Be Announced

Renewals

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed II: first and third weeks at the River Lodge, Touchmark.
1:00 p.m. Thinking Allowed: second and fourth weeks—on hiatus until September 12.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion
Group: first and third weeks at Dudley's Used Bookshop, 135 NW Minnesota —on hiatus until September 6.
Noon Round Table Luncheon: first week at Tetherow Golf Club.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The Wisdom of History: weekly.

Friday

1:00 p.m. Discussing Science: first and third weeks
Science in the Twentieth Century: second and fourth weeks
Please check the Schedule on pages 4-5 for locations of these sessions.

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Lecture Cancellation

We're sorry to announce that **Dr. J. Rufus Fears'** special evening lecture has been cancelled. We hope there will be future opportunities to bring this noted scholar to Central Oregon.

Looking Ahead

Plans are already underway for fall programming. We'll be sharing updates throughout the summer—here are some highlights.

For those who have been waiting for more art and music DVD study groups, we are happy to announce that beginning in the fall, we are scheduling a series of three requested courses: *Broadway Musicals*; *Museum Masterpieces: National Gallery London*; and *The World's Greatest Paintings*. **Mort Perle** and **Rod Charny** will facilitate.

Also, coming back in late fall by popular demand, **Roger Aikin** will offer another film review series. Roger has asked for suggestions of your favorite film titles. His e-mail address is: raikin@creighton.edu.

Richard Hanstad, who presented the fascinating fall series on transcontinental railroads, is preparing a new slide show talk, "The Silk Road." Look for an announcement and date in late fall.

Eugene/Springfield

Editor's Note: Eugene/Springfield



The UO Baker Downtown Center will be busy this month, as OLLI shares the classrooms with the Oregon Bach Festival Road Scholar program. Please join us at

2:30 p.m., Friday, June 24, for an informal social with our visitors, followed by musicologist Alison Alstatt's lecture.

To accommodate the two programs' schedules, some ongoing groups will be held in different rooms or different days—look for these changes in the schedule on pp. 8-9.

Our Monday afternoon film series, *The Fabulous Fifties*, begins with a screening of *Some Like it Hot*—join us June 6 at 1:00 p.m. for Howard Schuman's overview of the series. Please note, Larry Gruman's lecture on the *King James Bible* has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Ruth Heller, OLLI-UO Program Director

A Note from Council President

Last year Kitty Meredith hosted an incredibly successful "back to school" member meeting following our celebration of creativity open house. This fall I'd like to merge the two ideas with a sandwich luncheon, a short business meeting, and an hour or so of member talent.

We need volunteers! Please contact me about entertaining your fellow OLLI members—you don't have to do it alone, we can form groups or you can lead a sing-a-long. We also need volunteers for making sandwiches, set up and clean up. The luncheon meeting will be noon to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14. Please contact me by the end of June if you are willing to help.

Thanks,

Beate Galda, 541-484-3958 or beategalda@yahoo.com

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discussed as will the on-going work by Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages in documentation and assisting indigenous communities in their language revitalization efforts.

Join **Gregory D. S. Anderson**, director of Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages, as he discusses the vital work of scientific language documentation, developing linguist-assisted, community-directed solutions to aid endangered and threatened languages worldwide, and the importance of raising public awareness and appreciation of the value and need for linguistic diversity.

Affordable Housing Projects of St. Vincent DePaul

Friday, June 3, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

The description, "the largest non-profit humanitarian agency in Lane County," does not begin to describe the scope of the enterprise that **Terrence R. McDonald** directs. A partner with the Cities of Eugene and Springfield, with Lane County and many non-profit organizations of our community, both religious and secular, St. Vincent de Paul is an organization awesome in scope and effectiveness.

With an objective of providing opportunities for the "homeless, destitute, and at-risk populations to become self-sufficient," St. Vincent leverages charity with an ample dose of "teach them to fish psychology."

The Society does not just help people find homes, it teaches them

how to be responsible homeowners or renters. St. Vincent's is a significant source of affordable housing locally. With his special perspective and experience, Terry will explain some of the impediments to the creation of affordable housing.

He will also give us an overview of the substantial interconnected web of operations that make the organization such an essential and respected resource in this community.

Lane's Integration of Vets in Education (LIVE),

Wednesday, June 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

This two-part presentation will explore Dr. **Michael Sámano's** path from military service to college graduate and will focus on efforts at Lane Community College to support student veterans. Lane's Integration of

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1 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations
[discussion group] Islam in Southeast Asia. Presenter: Howard Schuman, Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

1:30 p.m. Language Hotspots—Perspectives on the Global Crisis of Language Extinction
[lecture] Presenter: Gregory D.S. Anderson (AK/MX)

2 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Effect of Middle East Change(s) on US Policy and Objectives. Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitator: Leric Martin (CN)

3 Friday

9:30 a.m. Curriculum Committee Meeting Chair: Dina Wills, 541-687-4784. (AK)

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

Noon July Newsletter Submission Deadline

2:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Projects of St. Vincent DePaul [lecture] Presenter: Terrence R. McDonald (AK/MX)

6 Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing [study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

1:00 p.m. Introducing the Films of the Fifties (lecture) Presenter: Howard Schuman (AK/MX)

1:30 p.m. The Fabulous Fifties [film] *Some Like It Hot*. Introduced by Kitty Meredith (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] Facilitator: Susanne Ettinger (CN)

7 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee Meeting Chair: Betty Hosokawa, 541-683-1907 (CN)

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science
[DVD study group] Impossible-Physics Beyond the Edge—From Principles to Paradoxes and Back Again, Almost Impossible. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:30 p.m. Art History [DVD study group] American—American Genre Painting, Metropolitan—The Robert Lehman Collection 1800-1960. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading [study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

8 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Lane's Integration of Vets in Education (LIVE)
[lecture] Presenter: Michael Sámano (AK/MX)

9 Thursday

10:00 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Gary Carter (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Bach and the High Baroque. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (AK)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitator: Leric Martin (CN)

10 Friday

9:30 a.m. Governing Council Meeting President: Beate Galda, 541-484-3958 (AK)

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

2:00 p.m. Chronicles of The Great Game—Russian Women Travelers in Central Asia and India [lecture] Presenter: Katya Hokanson (AK/MX)

13 Monday

1:30 p.m. The Fabulous Fifties [film] *The Band Wagon*. Introduced by Steve Stone (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] Facilitator: Susanne Ettinger (CN)

14 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt and Pat Johnson (meets off-site)

15 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations
[discussion group] Tunisia and other fun rioting nations. Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

1:30 p.m. Coptic Weaving and Art
[lecture] Presenter: Nancy Hoskins (AK/MX)

16 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Sustainable Energy Assessed Internationally. Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

Noon Poetry Writing [study group] Facilitator: Gloria Wells (BZ)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitator: Leric Martin (CN)

17 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

2:00 p.m. The Mexican Revolution of 1910: Its History and Music
[lecture] Presenter: Klaus Galda (AK/MX)

Eugene/Springfield

20 Monday

10:00 a.m. Activities and Travel Committee Chair: Veronika Walton, 541-344-1565 (CN)

10:00 a.m. Two Odysseys: Poetry and Philosophy [lecture] Presenters: Roy Johnston and David Kolb (AK/MX)

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing [study group] Contact: Livvie Taylor-Young, 541-746-5763, for location of this meeting.

1:30 p.m. The Fabulous Fifties [film] *The Rear Window*. Introduced by Jack Powell (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] Facilitator: Susanne Ettinger (CN)

21 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] Impossible-Physics Beyond the Edge—Perpetual Motion, On Sunshine and Invisible Particles. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:30 p.m. Art History [DVD study group] American—Native Americans and Westward Expansion, Metropolitan—The People of the Museum. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitator: Leric Martin (CN)

24 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

2:30 p.m. OLLI UO/Road Scholar Meet and Mingle [informal social] (AK/MX)

3:00 p.m. Road Scholar In Praise of Women: The Liturgical Music of Anna von Buchwald [lecture] Presenter: Alison Alstatt (AK/MX)

27 Monday

1:30 p.m. The Fabulous Fifties [film] *African Queen*. Introduced by Kitty Meredith (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] On summer hiatus

28 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt and Pat Johnson (meets off-site)

1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *Social Contract* by Jean Jacques Rousseau. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

29 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. The King James Bible 400th Anniversary [lecture] Presenter: Larry Gruman (AK/MX)

30 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Fifth Thursday [discussion group] Roads Not Taken. Facilitator: Dick Hill (CN)

Locations

All meetings held at Baker Downtown Center, 975 High Street, unless otherwise stated

Key

AK = Alaska Room
MX = Mexico Room
CN = Canada Room
BZ = Belize Room
TBA = To Be Announced

Renewals

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Vets in Education (LIVE) is a program designed to engage student veterans more fully in their learning experience, while assisting them with their transition to college. LIVE provides student veterans with support services tailored to their specific needs such as: academic and career advising, peer-to-peer mentoring, access to a campus veteran service officer for VA-related support, and a computer support area. In addition, LIVE offers three Career and Guidance courses that focus on student veteran issues.

After six years in the military, Michael Sámano began his academic career at Lane Community College. At the University of Oregon he studied sociology and ethnic studies. Sámano holds master of arts degrees from Humboldt State University, and the University of California, Davis, and a PhD from Oregon State University. Sámano coordinates Ethnic Studies at Lane Community College and directs Lane's Integration of Vets in Education.

Chronicles of The Great Game— Russian Women Travelers in Central Asia and India

Friday, June 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
As the Russian Empire enlarged to the East and to the South in the nineteenth century, new territories were added at a brisk pace, which led to a new definition of the Russian nation and empire and a new definition of Russia's imperial role. In particular, the Russian conquest of Central Asia and the concurrent rivalry with the British Empire over each country's geographic reach ("The Great Game") is a research area that has

emerged with great energy in the post-Soviet era, most frequently in history and in political science.

Katya Hokanson will discuss the perspectives of three Russian women writer-travelers of the mid-to-late nineteenth century, Elena Blavatskaia, Elena Apreleva, and Iuliia Golovnina, whose writings provide insight into the techniques of presenting the expansion of the empire to the public and assimilating the new territories and ideologies as part of Russian history, geography, and identity.

Coptic Weaving and Art

Wednesday, June 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Frescoes, paintings, mosaics, and sculptures from all over the Roman Empire depict distinctive textiles decorated with tapestry like those found in Coptic Egyptian burial sites from the third–seventh century A.D. The colorful ornaments illustrate birds, fish, fruit, flowers, figures, portraits, geometric motifs, religious symbols, and narrative scenes both classical and Christian. The tapestries and other textiles reveal the rich culture of the time and place in which they were created.

Join us to see beautiful examples and hear **Nancy Hoskins** tell the intriguing story of the techniques, tools, and fabrics of this ancient art. Hoskins has been studying Coptic art and weaving since 1973, and authored the widely acclaimed book, *The Coptic Tapestry Albums*, published in 2004.

Her current research on Coptic and Egyptian textiles has allowed her privileged access to museums in Egypt, England and around the world, and placed her among the experts in the field. Because Hoskins is a weaver

and fiber artist, as well as an art historian, she is uniquely able to bring us insights into the art and explain the weaving techniques that make this art what it is.

The Mexican Revolution of 1910: Its History and Music

Friday, June 17, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
The Mexican Revolution was the world's first great social upheaval of the twentieth century. The military phase lasted from 1910 to 1920, but the social and economic reforms continued until 1940.

Most Americans have heard of Emiliano Zapata (as portrayed by Marlon Brando) and Poncho Villa, but have no real understanding of these violent and profound events on our southern border, or of the major role of the United States in this revolution. OLLI member **Klaus Galda** will lecture on this topic, enhanced by original film footage and revolutionary music such as "La Cucaracha."

Two Odysseys: Poetry and Philosophy

Monday, June 20, 10:00 a.m.–noon
How does a contemporary person find a place in a world transforming before our eyes? Like Ulysses, we seek home, and there are treacherous seas and unknown dangers, so we need as much vision as we can find today. We need to find our place(s) and relocate ourselves where living in a place fully means being at home, but also being open to all its tensions and unexpected possibilities. How can we be more open to those difficulties and opportunities, while also respecting

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the contours and history of our living places?

Poet **Roy K. Johnston** and philosopher **David Kolb** will offer descriptions and visions from their opposed yet interrelated perspectives. Plato said that there was an ancient quarrel between poetry and philosophy. But in their different ways, poetry and philosophy can discern our new challenges and offer new visions of old truths.

Visit Silver Falls

Join us on Wednesday, July 13, and enjoy a comfortable trip to Oregon's largest state park. We will have a choice of two educational walks led by park rangers. One will focus on the history of the area and is mostly flat. The other alternative walk will cover the plant and geology of the terrain and is more hilly.

The area is unique. Silver Creek tumbles over ancient basalt lava flows, forming a cluster of ten waterfalls in this lush temperate forest setting. The park's natural vegetation includes Douglas firs, western hemlock and big leaf maple. Pacific blacktail deer and ninety-five bird species inhabit the forest. Black bears, cougars, and coyotes live in the remote areas. Adjacent to the South Falls is the lodge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

We will meet at the Shopko parking lot on Coburg Road at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$47, picnic lunch included. Please book your seat by sending your name and a check to Experience Oregon. Pre-addressed envelopes may be found in a holder on the Activities and Travel notice board. Call Hal Riley at 541-461-9243 for more information.

Impossible: Physics Beyond the Edge

On Tuesday, June 7, the Understanding Science Study Group will begin a new, twelve-week Teaching Company DVD video lecture course focusing on some of the most intriguing questions and puzzles encountered in the study of physics. Designed for viewers with no specialized knowledge of the subject, these lectures will entertain and nourish the mind, while providing a significant amount of basic knowledge. The course is illustrated with hundreds of diagrams, animations, and images to convey fundamental ideas at the core of physics. Your guide is Dr. Benjamin Schumacher, professor of physics at Kenyon College. The Understanding Science Group meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month, and all members are welcome. Please call John O'Brien at 541-461-9100 if you have questions.

Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing: first and third weeks; Philosophy Salon: second and fourth weeks—on hiatus until September 12.
3:30 p.m. Exploring German: weekly through June 13—on hiatus until September 12.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Historical Novels: second and fourth weeks
10:30 a.m. Understanding Science: first, third and fifth weeks
1:30 p.m. Art History: first and third weeks; Classics/Philosophy: fourth week
3:00 p.m. Interpretive Playreading: first and third weeks

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations: first and third weeks

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first and third weeks; News and Views: second and fourth weeks; Fifth Thursday Discussion: fifth week
Noon Poetry Writing: third week
1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation: second and fourth weeks
3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation: weekly

Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish: weekly

Portland



Editor's Note: Portland

We had a great turnout at the informal planning meeting, Snack and Yak, held on May 11. Several topics were discussed, including:

Community outreach

On Wednesday, June 29, OLLI-UO will host an Open House with Linda Hathaway Bunza, director of the Columbia Research Institute for the Arts and Humanities in Portland. This Open House is free and open to the public. Help spread the word by inviting friends, family, neighbors, social and church groups, or people in your residential buildings to attend this lecture. Materials are available from the OLLI-UO in Portland office.

Transportation

OLLI members travel from Hillsboro, Gresham, Beaverton, and Vancouver, WA to attend OLLI-UO in Portland

lectures. Cut down on the cost of transportation and parking by carpooling with other members. Call the OLLI-UO office at 503-412-3653 to sign up.

A consistent and predictable schedule

Programming has been developed to remain as consistent as possible from week to week. To highlight these program patterns, we've developed Learning Circle (page 16).

New to June's Learning Circle is Potpourri Programs, a placeholder for single lectures and short courses held consistently on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Potpourri Programs will replace Geopolitical Affairs while the group is on hiatus.

Join us for the next Snack and Yak on Wednesday, June 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Adrianna Mahoney, program assistant

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In Portland, the Oregon Bach Festival orchestra and chorus, together with internationally renowned soloists led by Maestro Helmuth Rilling, will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 on July 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Matthew Halls will conduct Handel's Ode for St. Cecilia's Day, HWV 76, followed by Beethoven's Ninth, conducted by Helmuth Rilling. Hathaway Bunza's lecture, which will include Handel's Ode, serves as the pre-concert talk for the Oregon Bach Festival's Portland concert.

Linda Hathaway Bunza is director of the Columbia Research Institute for the Arts and Humanities in Portland. She has been a writer, lecturer, editor and/or consultant for

the American Biographical Institute, *Andover Review*, *Anima*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *Harvard Post*, and the Library of Congress and Symposium.

An American's First Hand Account of Syria's Recent Events

Tuesday, June 7, 1:30–3:00 p.m.
Walter Raubeson, son of OLLI member Andy Raubeson, has just returned from a two-year stay in Damascus, Syria. Walter earned his master's degree in international relations at New York University. During his time in Syria, he studied the Arabic language and taught English. He will give a talk on the recent events in Syria as seen through the eyes of an American on the ground.

The S-Word: The Squaw Stereotype in American Popular Culture

Monday, June 20, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
This presentation explores the term "squaw" as an element of discourse that frames a version of indigenous female-ness. The speaker is developing a theoretical perspective of representational ethics for media and popular culture that examines the question of who has the right to represent others, under what circumstances, and in what ways. Whether in television programs, films, advertisements, or in popular music such as hip-hop and rap, women are generally absent, under-represented, or misrepresented. Women of color are often invisible. When Native women are seen, it is usually in one of two stereotypical portrayals: Indian princess (young, female noble savage) or squaw (older woman/

drudge). Place and landform names, products, and references in literature and popular culture that use the word “squaw” contribute to a climate of stereotypical thinking about Indian women, and limit imaginative possibilities and narrow self-perception. A visual analysis of names, products, and places illustrates the persistence of this term.

Associate Professor **Deb Mer-skin’s** interests focus on the representation of women and minorities in media and historical studies as well as the social influences of the media.

The Importance of Play

Wednesday, June 22, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
For ages the existence of play, while regretted by some, has puzzled many scholars. They have struggled to explain why it was characteristic of some species and especially of humans. Recent explanations, drawing on many areas of research, have revealed its importance in our development as a species and as individuals.

In this session, OLLI member **Mike Ellis** will touch on why play is important and strategies for fostering playfulness and creativity. Mike has held positions such as directorship of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Dalhousie University in Canada, the head of the Department of Physical Education at the University of Oregon, and finally as the dean of the College of Applied Life Studies at the University of Illinois.

The Middle East: Islam, People, Energy, and US Foreign Policy

Tuesdays, June 21–July 26,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Dr. Peter Bechtold, chairman emeritus, Near East North Africa Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, will return to OLLI to deliver a five-lecture series on the Middle East. Dr. Bechtold, who has done “field research in twenty-five Mid East countries, from Egypt to Israel to Iraq to Kazakhstan to the Gulf” will provide an astounding introduction to the Middle East. Topics will include:

- Understanding Islam
- Introduction to the Middle East—People
- Introduction to the Middle East—History
- Energy
- U.S. Foreign Policy toward the Middle East

Dr. Bechtold is an award-winning professor of more than 11,000 U.S. government employees (State Department, DOD, Commerce, CIA, FBI, USAID, USIA) in intensive courses and long-term seminars, and has conducted private briefings for numerous ambassadors and flag officers. He has taught graduate level courses and seminars at the Foreign Service Institute, Georgetown, George Washington, John Hopkins, Maryland, and Oregon Universities; Army, Naval, Air War Colleges; Marine Corps and National Defense Universities. Media appearances include MacNeil Lehrer, PBS, CNN, NPR, and overseas radio. Dr. Bechtold received PhDs from Princeton University in Near East studies and political science. (<http://www.drbechtold.com/>)

A History of Hitler’s Empire [DVD Teaching Company Course]

Tuesdays, June 7–July 26,
10:30 a.m.–noon

Professor Thomas Childers will “trace the rise to power of Adolf Hitler and his Nationalist Socialist party (the NSDAP). How could Adolf Hitler and the Nazis come to power in such a highly educated, industrially developed country at the very heart of Western culture and civilization? What did Germans think they were getting when they voted National Socialist? Why was there apparently so little resistance? What made the regime popular at home? How were the Nazis able to seize control of the press, the radio, the courts, and the police with so little trouble?” (<http://bit.ly/j5e0AH>)

Lectures of the course will be devoted to the rise of the Nazis between 1919 and 1933, the repercussions of the Versailles Treaty in Germany, the Third Reich in power, as well as the sources of Hitler’s popularity, especially his conduct of foreign policy between 1933 and 1939.

Oregon Coast Trip and Optional Whale Watching Tour

Tuesday, July 12,
7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a daylong excursion with your friends on the Oregon Coast, where you’ll have the opportunity for whale watching (on land and at sea) at Depoe Bay, visit beautiful beaches, capes, and state parks. The cost of this guided tour is \$61.00 per person. Lunch will be on your own.

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1 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. World's Greatest Paintings [DVD study group] Living and Dying—Bruegel, El Greco, Caravaggio; Life Stories by Ter Brugghen, Rubens, Steen. Facilitator: Jean Baker (152)

1:30 p.m. Potpourri Programming—Emerging Trends in Journalism [lecture/discussion] Presenter: Senior Associate Dean of Journalism and Director Al Stavitsky (152)

6:00 p.m. Outside of OLLI—Community Cinema Screening Series presents *Two Spirits*
Free admission. 70 NW Couch Street, Suite 3R

2 Thursday

10:30 a.m. Extra Innings [discussion group] Facilitator: Ken Calvin (148C)

12:30 p.m. Literati [discussion group] viewing of *Sometimes a Great Notion* Facilitators: Karen Mariel and Andy Raubeson (148C)

2:30 p.m. Leaving a Trace: Writing About Your Life [study group] Facilitator: Judi McGavin (149)

3 Friday

Noon July Newsletter Submission Deadline

5:00 p.m. OLLI Night Out [member-to-member social] Jo Bar
715 NW 23rd Avenue
Coordinator: Andy Raubeson

6 Monday

1:30 p.m. OLLI Film Group [study group] June Theme: Nonviolence, Viewing of *Weapons of the Spirit* (Pierre Sauvage, 60 minutes) (Digital Arts Theater)

7 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. A History of Hitler's Empire [DVD study group] The Third Reich, Hitler and the Twentieth Century; The First World War and Its Legacy. (150)

1:30 p.m. An American's First Hand Account of Syria's Recent Events [lecture/discussion] Presenter: Walter Raubeson (150)

8 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. World's Greatest Paintings [DVD study group] Inside Vermeer, Velázquez, Rembrandt; Spirit and Thought—Hals, Rembrandt, La Tour. Facilitator: Jean Baker (152)

12:30 p.m. Snack and Yak [informal planning meeting] All members welcome to attend. Refreshments provided. (148C)

1:30 p.m. Potpourri Programming—TED Talk: Benjamin Zander on Music and Passion (152)

9 Thursday

10:30 a.m. Extra Innings [discussion group] Facilitator: Ken Calvin (148C)

1:00 p.m. Literati [book group] Not meeting

2:30 p.m. Leaving a Trace: Writing About Your Life [study group] Facilitator: Judi McGavin (149)

10 Friday

5:00 p.m. OLLI Night Out [member-to-member social] Oba 555 NW 12th
Coordinator: Andy Raubeson

13 Monday—17 Friday

Zero Week, No Class OLLI courses, lectures, and study and discussion groups will resume on Monday, June 20.

20 June

1:30 p.m. The S-Word: The Squaw Stereotype in American Popular Culture [lecture/discussion] Presenter: Debra Merskin, associate professor Journalism and Communication (Room 150)

21 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. A History of Hitler's Empire [DVD study group] The Weimar Republic and the Rise of the Nazi Party, The Twenties and the Great Depression. (150)

1:30 p.m. The Middle East: Islam, People, Energy, and US Foreign Policy [short course, session one of five] Presenter: Dr. Peter Bechtold, chairman emeritus Foreign Service Institute (346)

22 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. World's Greatest Paintings [DVD study group] The Serenity of Poussin, Claude, Watteau; In Contrast—Chardin, Tiepolo, Gainsborough. Facilitator: Jean Baker (152)

1:30 p.m. The Importance of Play [lecture/discussion] Presenter: Professor Mike Ellis (152)

23 Thursday

10:30 a.m. Extra Innings [discussion group] Facilitator: Ken Calvin (148C)

1:00 p.m. Literati [book group] *She-Wolves: The Women Who Ruled England Before Elizabeth* by Helen Castor. Facilitators: Karen Mariel and Andy Raubeson (148C)

2:30 p.m. Leaving a Trace: Writing About Your Life [study group] Facilitator: Judi McGavin (149)

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24 Friday

5:00 p.m. OLLI Night Out [member to member social] Produce Row Café 204 SE Oak Coordinator: Andy Raubeson

27 Monday

1:30 p.m. OLLI Film Group [study group] June Theme: Nonviolence, Viewing of *Ghandi* (Richard Attenborough, 190 minutes) (149)

28 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. A History of Hitler's Empire [DVD study group] The Nazi Breakthrough, Hitler's Assumption of Power. (150)

1:30 p.m. The Middle East: Islam, People, Energy, and US Foreign Policy [short course, session two of five] Presenter: Dr. Peter Bechtold, chairman emeritus Foreign Service Institute (152)

29 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. World's Greatest Paintings [DVD study group] Dark Images of David, Goya, Friedrich; The Worlds of Constable, Turner, Delacroix. Facilitator: Jean Baker (152)

3:00 p.m. Beethoven's Revolutionary Ninth Symphony [open house/lecture] Presenter: Linda Hathaway Bunza, director of the Columbia Research Institute for the Arts and Humanities in Portland (event room)

30 Thursday

10:30 a.m. Extra Innings [discussion group] Facilitator: Ken Calvin (148C)

12:30 p.m. Literati [discussion group] Viewing of *Anne of the Thousand Days* (146 minutes) Facilitators: Karen Mariel and Andy Raubeson (148C)

2:30 p.m. Leaving a Trace: Writing About Your Life [study group] Facilitator: Judi McGavin (149)

5:00 p.m. Registration Deadline—Educational Whale Watching Tour and Oregon Coast Trip 800-824-2714

Location

UO in Portland White Stag Block
70 NW Couch Street, Portland

Unless otherwise specified, all programs are:

- 1) Held at the White Stag Block.
- 2) Open only to OLLI-UO members and those using the OLLI-UO one-month guest pass.

Key

105=WSB, Room 105
150 = WSB, Room 150
152 = WSB, Room 152
148C = WSB, Room 148C,
OLLI Office Suite
TBA = To Be Announced

Series Information

Some program series and short courses may continue in the coming months. Information on those upcoming topics should be available from the OLLI-UO office and/or the course leader. Schedule information provided in the next newsletter.

Questions?

Call 503-412-3653

Grid calendars available in the office or online at <http://osher.uoregon.edu>

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Parking and Transportation Tips

Finding parking can often seem like a challenge for OLLI members attending events at the Portland White Stag Block. To make that task a little easier, we would like to share the following information:

On-Street Parking

There are over 7,000 on-street parking spaces in the downtown area. The White Stag Block is surrounded by ninety-minute parking meters; however there are five-hour meters just blocks away, near NW 3rd and Flanders. The parking meter rate is \$1.60 per hour. Parking meters operate 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Garage Parking

Another option is to park in the Smart Park Garage at NW Naito and NW Davis, just one block north of the White Stag Block. Smart Park Garages offer affordable parking at \$1.50 per hour.

Public Transportation

Both the Red and Blue Tri-Met Max lines run right past the White Stag Block with a convenient stop at Old Town/China Town just one block north. Honored citizens (those 65+) can purchase a two-hour ticket for just one dollar.

Safety First

A security guard is available upon request to escort you to the MAX or your vehicle. For more information on this service, please call 503-412-3653.



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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

1:30 p.m. Potpourri Programs:
weekly

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. A History of Hitler's
Empire: weekly
1:30 p.m. Short Course—The
Middle East: weekly

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. World's Greatest
Paintings: weekly
1:30 p.m. Potpourri Programs:
weekly

Thursday

10:30 a.m. Extra Innings: weekly
12:30 p.m. Literati [film screening]
meeting June 2 and 30
1:00 p.m. Literati [book discussion]
meeting June 23
2:30 p.m. Leaving a Trace—Writing
About Your Life: weekly

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Educational Whale Watching Tour

Ride the waves with Carrie Newell, professor of marine biology and gray whale expert, for a close encounter with Oregon's summer resident gray whales. Newell's Whale Research EcoExcursion is unique due to Newell's expertise in marine life and her many years researching the summer resident gray whales off the coast of Depoe Bay. Newell's research has been featured on Jean Michel Cousteau's PBS film, *Gray Whale Obstacle Course*.

Members will have the chance to board a six-person zodiac, equipped with captain's seats, blankets, and gloves, for an up-close look at these amazing creatures. Hour-long tours

will cost \$20.00 per person (a \$10.00 discount).

Trip cost: \$61.00, plus the cost of lunch. Trip cost with the optional Educational Whale Watching Tour: \$81.00, plus the cost of lunch.

Seating for the Oregon Coast Trip and Optional Whale Watching Tour is limited. Registration deadline: Thursday, June 30. Call 800-824-2714 or 503-412-3653.

Registration is limited to OLLI-
UO in Portland members until
Thursday, June 16. Registration for
OLLI-UO members at all sites opens
on Friday, June 17.