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CENTRAL OREGON—A Revolution in Education

Tuesdays, October 8 and 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Join OLLI-CO for a two-part discussion on the challenges and opportunities confronting our education system and experience some of the latest techniques and tools available.

Public education, free for the student and paid for by taxes, is still modeled after nineteenth-century factories that started with raw materials, efficiently processed on assembly lines, and spit out finished, standardized products. We batch students according to age, force them to sit quietly at desks, and shuffle them from one academic subject to the next, all the while conditioning them to uncritically accept authority figures who feed them the right way to do things and the correct answers to canned questions. Periodically, they take standardized tests that purport to show how much they've assimilated, where they rank among their peers, and how well their teachers have performed.

It's difficult for us to criticize this model or to consider alternatives because it worked for us. Public education was our ticket to productive, affluent lives in a community of like-minded people. Yet, even in our day it didn't work for

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EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Churches and Cathedrals of Central Europe: A Personal Architectural Tour

Wednesday, October 9, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Historically, the Christian churches and cathedrals of Europe have expressed a harmony of the arts. The skills of the architects, engineers, painters, glaziers, musicians, sculptors, and wood carvers were united in the creation of magnificent houses of worship. Best known, perhaps, are the cathedrals of Notre Dame in Paris, Chartres, and Amiens in France, or the huge cathedral in Cologne, Germany. But scores of other outstanding structures are worthy of attention, from the earliest Christian churches of the fourth century (when the Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity) through the years to our own times.

Various architectural styles will be illustrated and contrasted in this lecture from early Christian, Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Rococo to more recent times. Some structures to be shown are famous but others are located in cities less frequently visited by Americans.

The presenter will be **Fred Luebke**, who was a professor of history at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, from 1967–1994. He took most of the

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OLLI-CO Editor's Note

OLLI is *your* organization. While the University of Oregon Academic Extension staff in Eugene handles program administration, our Central Oregon members serve

on committees that make the decisions on curriculum, membership, policies and procedures, and venues.

The annual OLLI-CO membership meeting and election of council members will take place in November and we need your experience to continue to grow and improve our local organization.

Concerned that you don't know enough about OLLI to join a committee? You are welcome to attend Council, Membership, and Program meetings to learn more about what each committee does and how your participation can benefit all of us. Check the calendar for meeting dates and times. What is most important is that you

have a life full of experience to share. Fresh views and common sense are always valued at OLLI—it's not what you need to know about OLLI; it's what OLLI can learn from you.

If you're new to OLLI, jump on in. It can be intimidating for some to walk into a room full of strangers and speak up on a subject—especially if you're presenting an opposing view—don't be shy; join the conversation; an opposing view makes for a great discussion. And isn't that one of the reasons we attend OLLI programs?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Central Oregon Council, please contact Mike McAllister at mmcallis1941@gmail.com.

Jeanne Freeman,
Central Oregon Newsletter Editor

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the non-academic students and slow learners. Today, in its dotage, it creaks and groans with the ravages of age. Labor costs and class sizes grow, the number of school days drops, the number of electives shrinks, dropout rates are high, and U.S. educational results lag behind most other industrialized countries.

Teachers are employed like unionized factory workers instead of as unique and valuable professionals. High school graduates, with few exceptions, are either unemployed or working at minimum-wage service jobs. College graduates, deep in debt from student loans, are unable to find employment that provides them middle-class lifestyles, much less enables them to pay off their debts.

However, individuals and organizations are developing and evaluating

enhancements and alternatives to this educational paradigm, which encourage individual initiative and teamwork, foster creative thinking, and use technology to improve the effectiveness of capable teachers. For example, most grade school and high school math, science and history courses are available for free on the Internet packaged as well-designed and memorable short videos, taught by exceptional public school teachers or by members of organizations like the Kahn Academy. Videos like these can improve the role of a teacher from lecturer to coach. Many college courses, from universities like MIT and Stanford, are also available on the Internet, hundreds of them for free and others for modest fees.

Come join the discussion and discover the future of education, **Russ Hopper** and **Ed Lee** will facilitate both sessions.

Islands In the Sun

Thursday, October 24, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

“It was the kind of town that made you feel like Humphrey Bogart: you came in on a bumpy little plane, and, for some mysterious reason, got a private room with balcony overlooking the town and the harbor; then you sat there and drank until something happened.” (Hunter S. Thompson, *The Rum Diary*)

“Visual surprise is natural in the Caribbean; it comes with the landscape, and faced with its beauty the sigh of History dissolves.” (Derek Wolcott, St. Lucian poet and playwright; 1992 Nobel Prize winner in Literature)

“There's this one particular harbor, so far but yet so near, where I see the days as they fade away and finally disappear.” (Jimmy Buffett, “One Particular Harbor”)

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Visualize the Caribbean Islands. There is beauty, of course, and the history is often violent; there is also wealth and poverty. The land separating the Atlantic from the Caribbean has little buffer against dust blowing in from Africa or a hurricane's destructive force. The islands of empire and sugarcane and bananas and spices offer different places for different people.

Come see what **Rod and Linda Charny** have seen since they began their Caribbean travels in 1983: by air, by sea, by land—they have experienced all of the adventures and peace expressed above, and more.

Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe

Fridays, beginning October 25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

“Evidence for the birth of the universe is raining down on you. It's called the cosmic microwave background, and it's had quite a journey. Born in the stupendous annihilation of matter and antimatter seconds after the big bang, trapped in the hot plasma of the expanding universe for 380,000 years, and then suddenly released when the universe cooled to the point that atoms could form, this echo of creation has been on an uninterrupted voyage through space for 13.7 billion years—until it reached you. The cosmic microwave background is just one of the many clues about the history and nature of our universe that make the science of cosmology a wondrous, fascinating, and philosophically profound field of study.

Dr. Mark Whittle, professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia, leads this Great Courses 36

lecture DVD series. He teaches on the solar system, stars, galaxies, cosmology, and observing techniques. Professor Whittle's research centers on various aspects of nuclear activity in galaxies, a phenomenon that arises from gas falling onto supermassive black holes. His most recent work focuses on the properties of jets that emerge from Seyfert galaxies and the role they play in energizing the central few thousand light-years.” (from *The Great Courses*)

OLLI-CO Facilitator: **Jim Hammond**

Unexpected Economics

Wednesdays, beginning October 23, 10:00 a.m.–noon

“Economics is a field most people think of as having to do with international trade balances, gross national products, unemployment projections, and other issues involving our own finances, our country's, or the world's. In recent decades, though, economists have been turning their lenses on issues well outside these traditional boundaries, focusing on one “unexpected” subject after another.

“They're asking how we choose our spouses, for example, or why we select particular places to worship, or what goes into our decision to designate ourselves as organ donors on our driver's licenses. Indeed, the latest thinking to come from the field of economics can offer us a fresh perspective on every area of life in which the interactions of personal choice, motivation, and perceived outcome—the very heart of economics—play essential roles.” (http://www.thegreatcourses.com/tgc/courses/course_detail.aspx?cid=5657)

Our Great Courses DVD guide is Professor Timothy Taylor, managing editor of the prominent *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, published by the American Economic Association. Our facilitator is **Carolyn Hill**, who has facilitated previous OLLI courses and is looking forward to the stimulating discussions and variety of opinions regarding these issues.

Nonfiction Book Group Selections

***The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death* by Jill Lepore**

Tuesdays, October 1 and 15, 10:00 a.m.–noon

See the September edition of *The Oregon Sage* for a description of Lepore's book.

***Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret MacMillan**

Tuesdays, November 5 and 19, 10:00 a.m.–noon

“In an ambitious narrative, Margaret MacMillan (history, University of Toronto) seeks to recover the original intent, constraints, and goals of the diplomats who sat down to hammer out a peace treaty in the aftermath of the Great War. In particular, she focuses on the “Big Three” Wilson (United States), Lloyd George (Great Britain), and Clemenceau (France) who dominated the critical first six months of the Paris Peace Conference.”

“Viewing events through such a narrow lens can reduce diplomacy to the parochial concerns of individuals.

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1 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group
[study group] *The Mansions of Happiness* by Jill Lepore.
Facilitator: Bill Sugnet. (UOBC)

Noon—Round Table Luncheon—The Pine Tavern [social] For reservations, contact Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com, or call the UO Bend Center office at 541-728-0685.

2 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The World Was Never the Same: Events That Changed History [DVD study group] Franklin Roosevelt Becomes President (1933); Mao Zedong Begins His Long March (1934). Facilitator: Rod Charny (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

3 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop [study group]
Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

4 Friday

1:30 p.m. Meteorology—Weather Fundamentals [short course]
Instructor: Ron Thorkildson (UOBC)

7 Monday

10:00 a.m. Through the Wormhole [DVD study group] Facilitator: Harlie Peterson (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior [DVD study group] *What Makes People Happy; Why Are So Many People Stressed Out?* Facilitator: Joe Stevens (UOBC)

8 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. The Page Turners [book group] *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. A Revolution in Education [short course] Presenters/facilitators: Russ Hopper and Ed Lee (UOBC)

9 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The World Was Never the Same: Events That Changed History [DVD study group] *The Atomic Bomb Is Dropped* (1945); *John F. Kennedy Is Assassinated* (1963). Facilitator: Rod Charny (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

10 Thursday

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14 Monday

10:00 a.m. Through the Wormhole [DVD study group] Facilitator: Harlie Peterson (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior [DVD study group] *Why Do Hurt Feelings Hurt; Why Do We Make Mountains Out of Molehills?* Facilitator: Mike McCallister (UOBC)

15 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group [study group] *The Mansions of Happiness* by Jill Lepore. Facilitator: Bill Sugnet. (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. A Revolution in Education [short course] Presenters/facilitators: Russ Hopper and Ed Lee (UOBC)

16 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The World Was Never the Same: Events That Changed History [DVD study group] *Dr. King Leads a March* (1963); *September 11, 2001*. Facilitator: Rod Charny (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

17 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop [study group]
Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

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21 Monday

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior [DVD study group] Why is Self Control So Hard; Why Do We Forget? Facilitator: Kelly Arnoldus (UOBC)

22 Tuesday

1:30 p.m. Program Committee Meeting
Chair: Helen Pruitt, 541-382-7827 (UOBC)

23 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics [DVD study group] The World of Choices; A Market for Pregnancy. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

24 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop [study group]
Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Armchair Traveler: Islands in the Sun [lecture] Presenters: Rod and Linda Charny (UOBC)

25 Friday

1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe [DVD study group] The Journey Ahead; Denizens of the Universe. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

28 Monday

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior [DVD study group] Can Subliminal Messages Affect Behavior; Why Do We Dream? Facilitator: Don Hartsough (UOBC)

30 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics [DVD study group] Selling a Kidney; Traffic Congestion—Costs, Pricing, and You. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

31 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop [study group]
Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

Locations

All meetings held at the UO Bend Center, 80 NE Bend River Mall Drive, unless otherwise stated.

University of Oregon Bend Center
80 NE Bend River Mall Drive, Bend
Bend Senior Center
1600 SE Reed Market Rd., Bend

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UOBC = UO Bend Center
BSC = Bend Senior Center
TBA = To Be Announced

Parking at the UO Bend Center

OLLI-UO members and their guests should use the shopping center parking spaces at the side of the building when attending OLLI meetings and classes. Please note that the parking lot in front of the Duck Store should be left open for the store's customers.

Questions?

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Russel Hopper, 541-647-4626

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Through the Wormhole: second and third weeks in October

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior: weekly

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group, first and third weeks

Pageturners Fiction Group, second and fourth weeks

Noon Round Table Luncheon: first week at The Pine Tavern

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The World Was Never the Same: first, second and third weeks
Unexpected Economics: fourth and fifth weeks.

12:15 p.m. News and Views: weekly

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop: second, third and fourth weeks in September

Friday

1:30 p.m. Meteorology-Weather Fundamentals: first and second weeks.

Cosmology: fourth week

We welcome member proposals for study or discussion groups! Share your interests and expertise with other members or explore a new topic together. Contact the OLLI-UO office, or the Central Oregon Program Chair, if you're interested in proposing or leading a new group.

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But instead of falling into this trap, MacMillan uses the Big Three as a starting point for analyzing the agendas of the multitude of individuals who came to Versailles to achieve their largely nationalist aspirations.

Following her analysis of the forces at work in Europe, MacMillan takes the reader on a tour de force of the postwar battlefields of Asia and the Middle East. Of particular interest is her sympathy for those who tried to make the postwar world more peaceful. Although their lofty ambitions fell prey to the passions of nationalism, this should not detract from their efforts.”

(Frederic Krome, Jacob Rader Marcus Ctr. of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Copyright 2010, from Library Journal)

The Page Turners Reading Selections

***The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*, by Jonas Jonasson**
Tuesday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.–noon

***Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness* by Robert Specht**

Tuesday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Anne Hobbs is a prim and proper nineteen-year-old schoolteacher who yearns for adventure. She finds this and much more in a town with the unlikely name of Chicken, located deep in the Alaskan interior. It is 1927 and Chicken is a wild mining community flaming with gold fever. Anne quickly makes friends with many of

the townspeople, but is soon ostracized when she not only befriends the local Indians but also falls in love with one. A heartwarming story in the tradition of Benedict Freedman's classic, *Mrs. Mike*, *Tisha* is one of those rare books that stays with the reader for years, beckoning to be read again and again. (Maudeen Wachsmith, Amazon Review)

This book promises to render some interesting observations in the lives and attitudes of people. How much has it all changed? Or has it? Join The Page Turners for interesting reading and great discussion.

Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond

Open House—Save the Date

After the Higgs Boson: What's Next for Fundamental Physics?

Tuesday, November 12, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
The discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012 and 2013 ends a long search and solves a major puzzle in our understanding of matter. While it marks the end of a chapter, it seems far from the end of the story. The intriguing questions still being pursued should lead to even deeper (and hopefully simpler) understanding of the stuff we are made of. **Larry Price** is a resident of Sisters and a physicist who played key roles in the Higgs discovery, participating in designing, building, and operating the ATLAS detector at the CERN Large Hadron Collider, where the Higgs was found. Larry will discuss in nontechnical terms the importance of the current discovery and will look forward to the compelling questions we still need to answer to fully understand what matter is.

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Campaign for OLLI Update

Do you know that the Campaign for OLLI is in its third and final year? We have raised almost \$60,000 in outright gifts and bequests toward our

ultimate goal of \$100,000. Campaign contributions have helped create a fund to assist members in need in paying their OLLI fees, contributed to the new audio-visual systems, and helped balance our operating budgets while growing the OLLI-UI and OLLI in Eugene-Springfield endowments.

Of our OLLI members, 57 percent have contributed. To ensure OLLI-UI's continuing financial strength, please give today to reach our goals of \$100,000 and 100 percent member participation!

To make your tax-deductible contribution, visit the OLLI-UI office or our website:

<http://osher.uoregon.edu/support.php>

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photographs when he was on a year-long research fellowship stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He has been a member of OLLI since 2005.

"Dispatches from the Front Lines"

Mondays, October 14 and 28,
10:00 a.m.–noon

It is one thing to study the details of a particular philosopher's thought. It is another to understand the landscape of questions and options that a philosopher may be taking for granted as she tries to develop her thinking.

Dr. David Kolb will make two special presentations at the Philosophy Salon during October. In these two sessions we will look at the large-scale landscape of controversies and changing maps of options that have structured philosophy in the past century or so. Then, with that

background we will look at some new questions and options that are changing the landscape and opening up new territories for thought. The Philosophy Salon will continue its DVD series on Existentialism in November.

Kolb grew up mostly in the New York City suburbs, studied with the Jesuits in New York and Maryland, received his PhD in philosophy from Yale University, taught at Fordham University, the University of Chicago, Nanzan University in Japan, and has been at Bates College in Maine, as the Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the college. Since 2002 he has devoted himself full-time to writing and lecturing.

Great Decisions Is Back!

Tuesdays, October 8–December 10,
Noon–1:30 p.m.

In this forty-ninth year of the Foreign Policy Associations nationwide, Great Decisions program (see FPA.org), our open discussion facilitated by **Denis Snook**, will address one of eight topics each week. Background information on each topic is presented in the briefing book, which each regular attendee should purchase for \$20 at the first session. As before, the briefing is augmented by a video on each topic.

Topics for 2013 include: Egypt, Iran, China in Africa, and Myanmar (aka Burma). The policy-oriented topics are: Near-future challenges confronting NATO, the global 'responsibility to protect' through humanitarian intervention, threat

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Eugene/Springfield

1 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] Mysteries of Modern Physics: Time—The Past Hypothesis; Memory, Causality, and Action. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:30 p.m. Art History [DVD study group] 30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World: Ram Caught in Thicket; Great Ziggurat at Ur—Ancient Architecture. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

2 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations [discussion group] India, its present and future role in the world. Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

3 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] How Does the Affordable Care Act Work? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

4 Friday

9:30 a.m. Curriculum Committee Meeting Co-Chairs: W. Hitchcock, 541-953-4173 and B. Davis. (AK)

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

Noon—November Newsletter Submission Deadline

7 Monday

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

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: S. Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures [film series] *The Three Musketeers*. Introduced by John Attig (AK/MX)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (BZ)

8 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

Noon—Great Decisions [short course] Facilitator: Denis Snook (CN)

9 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories [study group] "The Nose," and "Memoirs of a Madman," by Nikolai Gogol. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

1:30 p.m. Cathedrals of Central Europe [lecture] Presenter: Fred Luebke (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Alternatives [discussion group] topic TBA. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

10 Thursday

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

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Beethoven's Life and Music, Part 7. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

11 Friday

9:30 a.m. Governing Council Meeting President: Susan Rutherford, 541-343-4620 (AK)

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

14 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] "Dispatches from the Front Lines," Recent Changes in the Philosophical Landscape, Part I of II. Presenter: David Kolb. Facilitators: B. Chell, L. Ironplow, and D. Lawrence (CN)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: S. Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures [film series] *A Tale of Two Cities*. Introduced by M. Sargent (AK/MX)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: E. deMartin Webster (BZ)

15 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] Mysteries of Modern Physics: Time—Boltzmann Brains; Complexity and Life. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

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16 Wednesday

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1:30 p.m. Jane Franklin Mecom [lecture] Presenter: Kay Huston (AK/MX)

17 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Social Mores and Government Policy: Cause or Effect? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

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

1:30 p.m. The Omniscient Order of Octogenarians [discussion group] session two of three. Facilitator: Jean Carley (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

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18 Friday

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

1:30 p.m. Alternatives to War Documentary Series [film discussion] *Playing for Change: Peace Through Music*. Presenter: Anne Millhollen (AK/MX)

21 Monday

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

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures [film series] *Much Ado About Nothing*. Introduced by J. Attig (AK/MX)

2:00 p.m. Feminist Writers of Science Fiction [short course] Session One of Three. Presenter: Carole Stabile (CN)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: E. deMartin Webster (CN)

22 Tuesday

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Noon—Great Decisions [short course] Facilitator: Denis Snook (CN)

1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

23 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories [study group] "Then, Returning," "Sixty-six Degrees North," and "Hidden Lives of Lakes" by Gina Ochsner. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

1:30 p.m. The Humor of Tom Lehrer [lecture] Presenter: John Attig with Livvie Taylor-Young and Kirk Taylor (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Alternatives [discussion group] topic TBA. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

24 Thursday

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25 Friday

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

1:30 p.m. Re-imagining Russia: Myth, Miracle and Magic in Post Soviet Stories [lecture] Presenter: Gina Ochsner (AK/MX)

28 Monday

10:00 a.m. Activities and Travel Committee Chair: Meribeth Olsen, 541-342-5190 (MX)

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] "Dispatches from the Front Lines," Recent Changes in the Philosophical Landscape, Part II of II. Presenter: David Kolb. Facilitators: B. Chell, L. Ironplow, and D. Lawrence (CN)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: S. Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures [film series] *Lord of the Flies*. Introduced by D. Holloman (AK/MX)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: E. deMartin Webster (BZ)

29 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] *Mysteries of Modern Physics: Time—The Perception of Time; Memory and Consciousness*. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

Noon—Great Decisions [short course] Facilitator: Denis Snook (CN)

30 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Cowboys and Concerts in Ft. Worth, Texas [lecture] Presenter: Phyllis Villec (AK/MX)

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

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31 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Fifth Thursday [discussion group] Many people derive important lessons from a difficult or stressful. If this applies to you, can you give an example of learning where this might apply? Facilitators: Bobbi and Don Webster (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

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assessment, and the future of the EURO.

The first meeting on October 8 will include an open discussion to organize subsequent meetings and a video introduction to the topic to be covered in the second meeting. Questions? Contact facilitator Denis Snook at 541-688-8754 or LSSWest@aol.com.

Jane Franklin Mecom

Wednesday, October 16,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Jane Franklin was born in 1712, the seventeenth child and seventh daughter born to Josiah and Abiah Franklin, in Boston, Massachusetts.

She was born into a poor and quite ordinary family. Her father was a chandler, a maker of candles and soap. Without one wonderful and serendipitous circumstance, she would have lived and died an ordinary woman in total obscurity. The momentous circumstance was that she was the younger sister of Benjamin Franklin! Franklin left home when Jane was only seven-years-old but before departing, he taught her to read and write. Without his tutoring and encouragement, Jane would have remained illiterate like her mother and most of her siblings.

She lived a very difficult, painful and dreary life until one day she borrowed a newspaper and read for the first time that her brother, Benjamin, was a famous man, then living in Paris.

With great joy, she wrote to him and he quickly returned her letter. They corresponded with each other for the rest of his life, Benjamin writing Jane more letters than he did anyone else, including his own wife.

Come learn how this woman, born into poverty, married off at fourteen years of age to a much older man, rose above the hardships and deprivations to become a well-read, intelligent, and greatly respected woman of the eighteenth-century.

Retired educator and OLLI member **Kay Huston** will present as Jane Franklin Mecom.

Alternatives to War Documentaries

Friday, October 18, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Anne Millhollen returns with a fall series of documentary discussions. Monthly sessions will be held on the third Friday of each month.

OLLI Short Course: Feminist Writers of Science Fiction

“Feminist Writers of Science Fiction,” a three-part series, will be offered this fall on Mondays Oct 21, Nov 11, and Dec 2, from 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Student speakers will be chosen by Professor Carol Stabile from her Honors College class on feminist science fiction, which is based on the premise that science fiction has provided a space for feminist authors to explore human relationships with science, technology, and identity without having to be tied down to conventions used in other types of fiction.

Each speaker will discuss one short story by a well-known science fiction writer. Participants are encouraged to get on the course’s e-mail notification list so they may read each story in advance. Our discussions with the student speakers should be in depth, lively’ and very interesting!

To be added to the e-mail list,

contact Dina Wills dw03@lehigh.edu or 541-687-4784.

The Humor of Tom Lehrer

Wednesday, October 23,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Join OLLI-UO member **John Attig** as he presents examples of the political and social humor of one of America’s greatest twentieth-century social satirists, Tom Lehrer.

Lehrer’s satirical songbook took on many of the issues and controversies of the 1950s and 1960s: nuclear proliferation, race relations, the Second Vatican Council, and environmental issues.

Members **Kirk Taylor** and **Livvie Taylor-Young** will lend support to this presentation.

Re-imagining Russia: Myth, Miracle and Magic in Post Soviet Stories

Friday, October 25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Oregon fiction writer **Gina Oschner** traveled to Russia with the support of a Guggenheim grant to research her novel, *The Russian Dreambook of Colour and Flight*. Oschner will visit OLLI to lecture on her experiences in post-soviet Russia, her research with Oregon’s Russian immigrant communities, and to discuss her novel and short stories.

OLLI’s Russian Short Stories group will read and discuss several of her short stories, set in post-soviet Russia on Wednesday, October 23. All members are welcome to participate.

Even if you can not find time to sample her stories prior to the lecture, don’t pass up the opportunity to listen to a first-hand account of post-Soviet and Soviet immigrant life from one of Oregon’s brightest literary stars.

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Cowboys and Concerts in Fort Worth

October 30, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

There are two sides to this Texas city. This summer, Fort Worth hosted the Fourteenth Cliburn International Piano Competition. Back in 1962 at the height of the Cold War, a lanky young Texan, Van Cliburn, won the prestigious Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow and also won the hearts of the Russian people. Cliburn went on to a ticker-tape parade in New York and an international career. The Texas competition that began under his name has flourished.

This year thirty young pianists from all over the world gathered in Fort Worth to play works of the classic repertoire magnificently. Six finalists each played two piano concertos with a symphony orchestra in a dazzling display of talent and discipline. Winners received cash awards and professional concert management. **Phyllis Villec** describes the scene just a few miles from there where longhorn cows march down the main street of the Stockyards, as well as show the magic of the Cliburn Competition.

Open Meeting

Wednesday, November 20,
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Next month marks the fiftieth anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination. Memories of where people were and how they felt during that fateful time remain vivid to this day.

Through a scripted PowerPoint documentary presented by **Olivia Taylor-Young** and **Kirk Taylor**, OLLI members will have chance to share those memories at our Open Meeting, 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20. Thoughtfully put together, the program will commemorate, but not sensationalize, the national tragedy... and celebrate the unique inspiring era that was its prologue.

So mark your calendar for the afternoon of Wednesday, November 20. This is a must-see program for OLLI members old enough to remember an important, insightful documentary for those who aren't.

OLLI Activities and Travel Committee Survey

Oh the places we can go and things we can do! Please watch your e-mail for a survey to help our Activities and Travel Committee better serve our membership.

When you receive the e-mail message click on the link and you'll be directed to an online survey that will ask the following questions, and provide room for your activity and destination suggestions:

- Do you prefer shorter, local jaunts in the immediate area?
- Do you prefer day trips beyond the immediate area?
- Would you be interested in an overnight trip?
- Would you be interested in longer trips lasting several days?
- What kind of new activities would you like to see the Activities and Travel Committee provide for our membership?

Members who prefer to complete the survey offline may pick up copy at the OLLI-UO office at the UO Baker Downtown Center.



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Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing Critique:
first and third weeks

Philosophy Salon: second and
fourth weeks.

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish, weekly

3:45 p.m. French Language, weekly

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and
Nonfiction: 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 Play Reading:
first and third weeks

Wednesday

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

Russian Short Stories: second
and fourth weeks, on hiatus in
September

3:30 p.m. Alternatives: second and
fourth weeks

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first
and third weeks

News and Views: second and
fourth weeks

Fifth Thursday Discussions: 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

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Larry Price, a new member to OLLI-UO in Central Oregon, is a physicist who has performed important experiments from measuring the shape of the proton to confirmation of neutrino oscillations (proving that neutrinos have mass), in addition to the ATLAS Detector. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and has worked at Columbia University and Argonne National Laboratory.

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