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### CENTRAL OREGON—Open House: 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. Price will discuss in non-technical 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.

Larry Price 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

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### EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Open Meeting: Remembering JFK

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

There are touchstones in all of our lives. Moments in time forever marked by before and after. For history—for our country—and for those of us old enough to remember—November 22, 1963, falls into that category.

We probably also remember that the day began as an ordinary Friday. We were at work, at school, at home, at the grocery store stocking up for Thanksgiving, while In Dallas, Texas, President Kennedy was in a motorcade on his way to address a Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Suddenly shots rang out and the world turned upside down.

Memories of how incomprehensible it seemed remain vivid to this day. But now, what also seems incomprehensible is that so many years have passed...and that this year we commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination.

At our open meeting, we will remember a time half-a-century ago that still seems like only yesterday. But it would be a disservice to concentrate on the tragedy alone; hence our program will also celebrate the life of John Fitzgerald

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## OLLI-CO Program Director's Note

November is an active month for OLLI-UO in Central Oregon. There are three lecture-discussion sessions planned, **Larry Weinberg's** Armchair Traveler on Africa and

Climbing Kilimanjaro, **Melissa Steward's** long-awaited presentation on the lore of minerals and gemstones, and our November 12 Open House lecture by **Larry Price**, After Higgs Boson: What's Next for Fundamental Physics?

The presentation topics aptly demonstrate the broad interests of the OLLI membership—but that should not surprise any who regularly take part in the program sessions! We hope to see you at all of these presentations, but we also hope that you will take the opportunity to invite friends to join you at the Open House, or another session that will appeal to their interests.

I urge all members to save another date, **Wednesday, November 20**, for the **Annual Meeting**, following the morning study group, Unexpected Economics.

Refreshments will be provided as we gather to recognize the outgoing Council members and finalize the election of the 2013–2014 Council for the Central Oregon program site, and carry out other annual business.

I look forward to joining the Central Oregon Council and general membership at the meeting to share news on the "State of OLLI-UO" with a special focus on Central Oregon.

**Ruth Heller, OLLI-UO Program Director**

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a Fellow of the American Physical Society and has worked at Columbia University and Argonne National Laboratory.

### **Armchair Traveler: African Safari and Climbing Kilimanjaro**

Tuesday, November 7, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Come join **Larry Weinberg** and hear about his adventures in Tanzania, East Africa. Larry spent three weeks there this summer, including a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest mountain in Africa), a ten-day safari and visits to several nonprofit organizations that are active near the town of Moshi, Tanzania. The climb involved a seven-day trek (5.5 up and 1.5 down) complete with guide, cook and five porters. You'll get to see the sun come up over Africa—or at least a picture of the sun doing so. The safari

included Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, the Serengeti and several other national parks. Watch lions, leopards and cheetahs; hippos, elephants and crocodiles; and a host of other wonderful critters that call these parks their own. You'll get to see the sun set over the Serengeti—again only a picture. If you want to see the real thing, you'll just have to go to Africa.

### **Gems and Minerals—From Earth to Jewels**

November 21, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Ever wondered how that rock on the ground became the rock on your finger? Or how that rock on your finger became a symbol of everlasting love?

Join us at the UO Bend Center classroom as noted jewelry artist **Melissa Steward** presents a fascinating talk on the evolution of rocks and minerals from earthly particles to

heavenly delights. A bit about Steward, in her own words:

"When my friend asked me to speak about gems, I said sure. When asked to write a bio, I stalled. I went to college for six years to get a degree in Business Administration/Marketing, but how did I learn what I know about gems? A child asked me this same question, and my reply here is the same, I've lived a long time and I never stopped learning. When I was a very young child my father would tell me the names of the rocks that I constantly brought home. He would also tell me their molecular structure and atomic weight. I read about where on earth the rocks were found, what some people believe are the metaphysical properties of stones, and how some cultures used gems for adoration and divination. I moved to Central Oregon in mid-2001 with a five-year

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plan; I stay because I love it—lava, pumice and all.”

We are fortunate to have Steward share all of those aspects of gems and minerals, and to see how her love of plain old rocks has led to a career of design and beauty.

## Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, noon  
All OLLI-CO members are invited to participate in our annual meeting, where we will finalize the election of the 2013–2014 Governing Council members, conduct any necessary business for our site, and catch-up on OLLI-UO news.

This year the ballot of Governing Council nominees will be distributed to the membership by e-mail. Those without e-mail will receive a hard copy of the ballot by USPS. We hope that this new procedure will engage more of our membership in the election process. Please contact 2012–2013 Council President **Mike McAllister**, 541-389-3430, if you have questions about the election.

## Nonfiction Book Group November Selection

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

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.”

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

## The Page Turners Reading November Selection

### **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

## December Selection for the Nonfiction Book Group:

### **Never Say Die: The Myth and Marketing of the New Old Age**

Tuesday, December 3 and 17,  
10:00 a.m.

Author Susan Jacoby, “offers an impassioned, tough-minded critique of the myth that a radically new old age—unmarred by physical or mental deterioration, financial problems, or intimate loneliness—awaits the huge baby boom generation...”

“*Never Say Die* unmasks the fallacies promoted by twenty-first-century hucksters of longevity—including health gurus claiming that boomers can stay “forever young” if they only live right, self-promoting biomedical businessmen predicting that ninety may soon become the new fifty and that a “cure” for the “disease” of aging is just around the corner, and wishful thinkers asserting that older means wiser.”

“The author offers powerful evidence that America has always been a “youth culture” and that the plight of the neglected old dates from the early years of the republic. Today, as the oldest boomers turn sixty-five, it is imperative for them to distinguish between marketing hype and realistic hope about what lies ahead for the more than 70 million Americans who will be beyond the traditional retirement age by 2030. . .”

“Jacoby raises the fundamental question of whether living longer is a good thing unless it means living better.” From the Amazon.com review

Jacoby’s journalism career began with *The Washington Post*, and she has been a frequent contributor to

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## 1 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] *Overall Cosmic Properties; The Stuff of the Universe*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 4 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior** [DVD study group] *Why Are People So Full of Themselves?* Facilitator: Don Hartsough (UOBC)

## 5 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group** [study group] *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret McMillan by Susan Jacoby. 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.

## 6 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics (normal font)** [DVD study group] *Two-Way Ties between Religion and Economics; Prediction Markets—Windows on the Future* Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 7 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Armchair Traveler: African Safari and Climbing Killmanjaro** [lecture] Presenter: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

## 8 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] *The Sweep of Cosmic History; Measuring Distances*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 12 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. The Page Turners** [book group] *Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness* by Robert Specht Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

**2:00 p.m. Open House—After the Higgs Boson: What's Next for Fundamental Physics?** [lecture] Presenter: Larry Price (BSC)

## 13 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD study group] *Pathways for Crime and Crime Fighting; Terrorism as an Occupational Choice*. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 14 Thursday

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

## 15 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] *Expansion and Age; Distances, Appearances, and Horizons*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

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## 18 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior** [DVD study group] *Why Don't Adolescents Behave Like Adults? How Much Do Men and Women Really Differ?* Facilitator: Bill Sugnet (UOBC)

## 19 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group** [study group] *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret McMillan. Facilitator: Bill Sugnet. (UOBC)

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

## 20 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD study group] Marriage as a Search Market; Procreation and Parenthood. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

**Noon—Annual Membership Meeting** [social/business meeting] refreshments provided (UOBC)

## 21 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Gems and Minerals—From Earth to Jewels** [lecture] Presenter: Melissa Steward (UOBC)

## 22 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] *Dark Matter and Dark Energy—96%!; Cosmic Geometry—Triangles in the Sky.* Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 25 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior** [DVD study group] *Why Do We Care What Others Think of Us? Why Are Prejudice and Conflict So Common?* Facilitator: TBA (UOBC)

## 27 Wednesday

**No OLLI-CO Meetings Scheduled**

## 28 Thursday

**OLLI-UO Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

## 29 Friday

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### 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

### Key

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?

Call 800-824-2714

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

### Renewals

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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 week

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.

News and Views: on hiatus.

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

1:30 p.m. Cosmology: first through fourth weeks.

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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a variety of national publications, including *Mother Jones*, *The Nation*, *the Los Angeles Times* and *The New York Times* and the *AARP Magazine*. Her previous books include *Wild Justice: The Evolution of Revenge* (a 1984 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize), and *Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism*, named a notable book of 2004 by *The Washington Post* and the *New York Times*.

**Jim Hammond** will facilitate our discussions of Jacoby's book.

### December Selection for Page Turners Book Group

#### ***The Lotus Eaters***

Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. Jeanne Freeman will facilitate our discussion of Tatiana Soli's acclaimed 2010 novel, *The Lotus Eaters*.

#### *From Booklist*

"Soli's debut revolves around three characters whose lives are affected by the Vietnam War. Helen Adams comes to Vietnam in the hopes of documenting the combat that took her brother from her. She immediately attracts the attention of the male journalists in the region, and quickly falls into an affair with the grizzled but darkly charismatic war photographer Sam Darrow. As Helen starts to make her own way as a photographer in Vietnam, drawing as much attention for her gender as for her work, Darrow sends her his Vietnamese assistant, Linh, a reluctant soldier who deserted the South Vietnamese Army in the wake of his wife's death. While Linh wants nothing more than to escape the war, Darrow

and Helen are consumed by it, unable to leave until the inevitable tragedy strikes. The strength here is in Soli's vivid, beautiful depiction of war-torn Vietnam, from the dangers of the field, where death can be a single step away, to the emptiness of the Saigon streets in the final days of the American evacuation." —Kristine Huntley

#### *From Bookmarks Magazine*

While the horrors of war are never far from the surface, the love stories, as well as Helen's personal evolution, lie at the center of *The Lotus Eaters*. Soli's visceral writing captures an alluring, dangerous country, and she excels at conveying the intricacies of war-torn lives. A few critics disagreed about the centrality of the romance and the characterizations, but overall, they had little but high praise for the work. "If you've never read a novel about the Vietnam War, this could be the book for you," concluded the *Dallas Morning News*.

# Eugene/Springfield



## OLLI-UO Special Announcement

As you read this issue, you'll see that we will be holding two November events that are open to the public: **UO Professor William Harbough's How**

**Does Giving Affect the Brain?** (p. 10) and our **Open Meeting: JFK Remembered** by **Kirk** and **Livvie Taylor** (pp. 1 and 7). All members are encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances to attend one of the sessions as an introduction to OLLI-UO.

OLLI could also use your help in:

- welcoming our visitors
- preparing and setting up refreshments

If you are willing to lend a hand on one of these dates, please contact the OLLI-UO office: 541-346-0697.

The Activities and Travel committee is also looking for members who could help in organizing and/or preparing refreshments and decorations for the **Winter Holiday Party** on Wednesday, December 11. Your help would be needed during the month of November and early December, and the time commitment can be worked around your personal schedule.

Give us a call, the more the merrier!

Contact Meribeth Olsen, 541-342-5190

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Kennedy and the one thousand days of his presidency when America seemed so filled with excitement, commitment, hope, possibility, and grace.

In the scripted PowerPoint documentary format, **Kirk Taylor** and **Olivia Taylor-Young** will recall those thousand days as well the four days in November when strangers cried in one another's arms and the world was no longer young.

After the fifty-minute documentary, a diverse panel of OLLI members will share stories of where they were when they heard the news. And then, we'll open up the discussion for all of you to share your stories, too.

### **Hard Way to the Valley**

Friday, November 1, 1:30–3:30 p.m. **Pete Peterson** and four other narrators will present the historic, dramatic story of the Lost Wagon Train of 1853, in "Hard Way to the Valley," on Friday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m. This dramatic reading tells of more than a thousand pioneers who dared to try a "short-cut" through the Cascade Mountains in 1853. They became lost, leading to their rescue by settlers in newly formed Lane County towns.

Using pioneer diaries and memoirs from the Lane County History Museum collection, Pete Peterson has written three versions of this dramatic historical event. A book, "Our Wagon Train is Lost" was published in 1975. A stage play, "That Pioneer Road," was presented by the LCC Performing Arts Department in 1993. In 2003, he compressed the story in this

one-hour Readers Theater version for OLLI, "Hard Way to the Valley."

The November 1 OLLI performance will again include the life-size photos of pioneers, created by the late Eugene artist, David Joyce, that were used in the 1993 play. Joining Peterson in reading from contemporary pioneer accounts of the lost wagon train will be **Lynne Hellesvig**, **Don Gall**, **Omar Nelson**, and **Christine Cunningham**.

This group will also perform on November 2 at the Wildish Theater in Springfield, and on November 3 at the First Congregational Church, with all proceeds dedicated to local charities.

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# Eugene/Springfield

## 1 Friday

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

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

### Noon—December Newsletter Submission Deadline

**1:30 p.m. Hard Way to the Valley: The Lost Wagon Train** [readers theater] Presenter: Pete Peterson and players (AK/MX)

## 4 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] *Oliver!* Introduced by Jack Powell (AK/MX)

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

## 5 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: Relativity; Curved Spacetime and Black Holes. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

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

**1:30 p.m. Art History** [DVD study group] 30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World—Ishtar Gate and the Processional Way; The Ancient City of Persepolis. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

## 6 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. International Relations** [discussion group] What Is the European Union Up To? Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Armchair Traveler: Turkey, A Second Look** [lecture] Presenter: Jack Meacham (AK/MX)

## 7 Thursday

**8:15 a.m. A and T Hallie Ford Museum of Art** [trip]

**10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed** [discussion group] TBA. Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

**3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation** [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

## 8 Friday

**9:30 a.m. Governing Council Meeting**  
President: Pam McClure Johnston, 541-363-4878 (AK)

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

**1:30 p.m. How Does Giving Affect the Brain** [lecture] Presenter: William Harbaugh (AK/MX)

## 11 Monday

**10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon** [study group] DVD—Existentialism by Robert Solomon: Albert Camus—*The Plague and The Fall*. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

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

**1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures** [film] *The Princess Bride*. Introduced by Howard Schuman (AK/MX)

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

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

## 12 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group] *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

**Noon—Great Decisions** [short course] Facilitator: D. Snook (CN)

## 13 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories** [study group] *The Mad Women* by Zinaida Hippus, *The Queen of Spades* by Alexander Pushkin and *Gentle Breathing* by Ivan Bunin. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

**1:30 p.m. The Nobel Piece Park Project** [lecture] Presenter: John Attig (AK/MX)

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

## 14 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation** [DVD study group] TBA. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

**3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation** [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

## 15 Friday

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

**1:30 p.m. Alternatives to War Documentaries** [film discussion] *Beyond Our Differences*. Presenter: Anne Millhollen (AK/MX)

# Eugene/Springfield

## 18 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] *The Spy Who Came In From the Cold*. Introduced by John Attig (AK/MX)

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

## 19 Tuesday

**10:30 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD study group]  
Mysteries of Modern Physics—Time: Time Travel; Black Hole Entropy. Facilitator: J. O'Brien (AK)

**Noon—Great Decisions** [short course]  
Facilitator: D. Snook (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Art History** [DVD study group]  
30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World—Palette of Narmer—The Conquering King; The Statue of Khafre—Birth of a King. Facilitator: R. Staton (AK)

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

## 20 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. International Relations**  
[discussion group] Drones: Are They Worth the Blowback?  
Facilitator: Kitty Meredith (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Open Meeting: The Fiftieth Anniversary of the JFK Assassination** [lecture]  
Presenters: Livvie Taylor-Young and Kirk Taylor (AK/MX)

## 21 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed** [discussion group]  
TBA. Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

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

**3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation** [study group]  
Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

## 22 Friday

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

**1:30 p.m. Jane Grant: A Feminist Legacy to the Center for the Study of Women in Society** [lecture]  
Presenter: Jenée Wilde (AK/MX)

## 25 Monday

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

**10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon** [study group]  
DVD—Existentialism by Robert Solomon: Soren Kierkegaard—On Becoming a Christian, and Subjective Truth. Facilitators: B. Chell, L. Ironplow and D. Lawrence (CN)

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

**1:30 p.m. From Page to Moving Pictures**  
[film] *Mambo Kings*. Introduced by Howard Schuman (AK/MX)

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*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

**Noon—Great Decisions** [short course]  
Facilitator: D. Snook (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy** [book group]  
*Not Without Humor* by Langston Hughes. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

## 27 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories** [study group]  
titles and authors TBA. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Alternatives** [discussion group]  
Unions and Advocacy Groups. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (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

Mail renewals and membership applications to:

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Eugene, OR 97403-1277

Or drop them off at the office:  
975 High Street, Eugene

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

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## 28 Thursday

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## **Armchair Traveler:**

### **Turkey—A Second Look**

Wednesday, November 6,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

What is there to see in Turkey beyond Hagia Sophia, Cappadocia, and Ephesus? Lots! Take a second look at Turkey with **Jack Meacham**, who traveled for five weeks in Turkey in the fall of 2011. Meacham will present travel photos and commentary from Edirne and Bursa, in the west of Turkey; Kayseri, Diyarbakir, Sanliurfa, and Gaziantep, in the east; and Adana and Anamur, on the southern coast.

Mosques and castles, people and markets, mountains and beaches, and more, Meacham's interest is primarily in the history of Asia Minor but his presentation will include modern Turkey as well. Jack Meacham is a former university professor who has been a member of OLLI-UO since 2009.

### **Hallie Ford Museum of Art Trip**

Thursday, November 7, 8:15 a.m.  
Great news! The Hallie Ford Museum of Art on the Willamette University campus has staged a remarkable collection of Ancient and Near Eastern Art gleaned from over twenty notable American collectors. The sixty-four objects represent several thousand years (6000 BCE to 500 BCE) of art from the Fertile Crescent. This art is from some of the world's oldest civilizations is not normally available or accessible to audiences in the western United States. OLLI invites you to view this collection Thursday, November 7 for only \$24. We'll stop for lunch on our own afterward. Please call Experience Oregon today,

541-342-2662, to register for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Call Hazel, 541-345-7812, or Meribeth, 541-342-5190, for more information.

### **How Does Giving Affect the Brain?**

Friday, November 8, 1:30–3:00 p.m.  
What are the benefits of giving that go beyond what a person or organization receives? Dr. **William Harbaugh**, professor of economics at the University of Oregon, researches an area called neuroeconomics. His work has led him to pinpoint exactly what is going on in people's brains when they decide to give to someone else.

An article in the *Wall Street Journal* on August 31, 2013, described professor Harbaugh as becoming "interested in charitable giving because it seemed like an intriguing exception to the rule that most people will act in their direct self-interest." Explore with professor Harbaugh what is going on in your brain when you give to charity and what benefits you may receive as well.

Open to OLLI members and to the public.

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### **Eugene's Nobel Peace Park**

Wednesday, November 13,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Nobel Peace Park project founder **John Attig** will describe the background for the creation of the new Nobel Peace Laureate peace park in Eugene. It is the first ever effort in the nation to honor as a group the American winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. There are twenty-four honorees at present and hopefully more will be included in the next few years.

Highlights of these individuals' peace-making efforts will be described.

Those who attend will be better able to answer the following quiz:

1. Name five American generals.
2. Name five US winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.

### **La Traviata Matinee**

Eugene Opera presents Verdi's beloved opera *La Traviata* in matinee performance Sunday, January 5, and you're invited. Just call Hazel Jones, 541-345-7812, to join your OLLI friends at Eugene's premier end-of-the-year entertainment. We go to the opera at this time every year and it's always a wonderful experience. Please call to get your name on the list.

### **Verdi's La Traviata**

Thursday, December 12,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Planning to attend the Eugene Opera matinee performance of *La Traviata*? Mark your planner for another date, December 12, when OLLI member **Phyllis Villec** will offer a preview presentation on the Verdi opera.

### **Jane Grant: A Feminist Legacy to the Center for the Study of Women in Society**

Friday, November 22, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Jenée Wilde** will talk about Jane Grant and her legacy on Friday, November 22, 1:30–3:30. Ms. Wilde has an MFA, is working toward her PhD, and is a Development Fellow at the CSWS. She will speak about Jane Grant's impact on feminist history, from her cofounding of the *New Yorker* to her activism in early women's rights movements, and the events

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that brought her legacy to the University of Oregon and the Center for the Study of Women in Society.

Jane Grant kept her birth name throughout her life, though married twice. Born in 1892, Grant was the first woman reporter hired by the *New York Times*, where she worked for fifteen years. In 1920, she married Harold Ross. Grant and Ross cofounded *The New Yorker* in 1925. Besides her work at that magazine, Grant wrote for other magazines and newspapers, often about equal rights for women. She and Ross divorced in 1920. Ten years later, she married William B. Harris, the editor of *Fortune*. She continued to work for the rights of women into the 1960s, advocating for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Jane Grant died in 1972.

Two years later, William Harris was approached by the University of Oregon for an endowment. After a visit to the school, he agreed to fund a center that engaged in research on women and gender studies. In 1976, Harris donated Jane Grant's papers to the University of Oregon and promised a bequest. Upon his death in 1981, he left a \$3.5 million bequest in his wife's name to support the Center for the Study of Women in Society. As the CSWS celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year with a conference November 7–9, we honor the woman whose legacy made the Center a long-lasting reality.

## Activities and Travel

### Committee News

Put the annual Holiday Party on your calendars. Wednesday, December 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m. with a Nutcracker theme. The Eugene Youth Ballet will dance several numbers from the second act of *The Nutcracker Suite*. We will have food, poetry or skits, and a sing-along to round out this always-fun event. If you have nutcrackers you would like to display, please let Hazel or Meribeth know and bring them that day. We would love to have a whole roomful to set just the right tone for this party.

Yes, we will go to the Shakespeare Festival again this year, probably the last week of March. Stay tuned for more information or call Hazel for the latest updates.

The Activities and Travel Committee needs YOU to help us plan events and outings. We meet monthly on the last Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. We can't continue to plan these fun tours and activities without more help. Call Committee Chair Meribeth Olsen for more information, 541-342-5190



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# Learning Circle

## 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

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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### OLLI's new assisted listening devices are great!

I'm a member of OLLI who enjoys the programs I attend, when I'm able to hear what people are saying! My hearing is becoming much worse. For four years I've attended News and Views on Thursday mornings, but now I find it hard to hear people's opinions even with the use of two hand-held microphones in the room. Many of the fifty people in the room start speaking before the mike gets to them. Some don't know how to use a mike correctly, so that people who are very hard of hearing can understand them.

Recently I was told that OLLI had bought two new assisted listening devices.

I now use one of these at every session and can hear everyone clearly, whether or not they use the

microphone! The assisted listening devices have a volume control, so that I can lower the volume on a voice that is too loud, and then turn up the volume for those who almost whisper.

I enjoy News and Views much more with the ability to hear everybody clearly.

**Bjorn Olson,**  
Eugene-Springfield Member

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