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### CENTRAL OREGON—Unexpected Economics

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Facilitator: Carolyn Hill

“Why are we choosing to have fewer children, even as we put more time into raising each one? Why are we so often willing to follow the herd and the opinions of strangers when making important decisions, even when those decisions are deeply personal? Why do people bother to vote in elections even when they believe their vote can’t possibly influence the outcome?

“Most surprising: Why are questions like these increasingly attracting the attention of *economists*?

“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

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### EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Protecting the Oregon Courts from Big Money

Wednesday, December 4, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Across the nation, well-heeled individuals and organizations are spending large sums to unseat incumbent judges who have made decisions they do not like or to elect judges with a particular ideological flavor. For example, while an appeal of a \$50 million verdict against Massey Coal Co. was pending, the company spent \$3 million to elect a judge to the West Virginia Supreme Court. The judge cast the deciding vote to reverse the verdict. In Iowa, after the state Supreme Court unanimously created a right for gay people to marry, national “pro marriage” groups spent \$1.5 million to successfully oust three members of the court. Nominally nonpartisan judicial elections have seen massive levels of spending on anonymous attack ads. There is now a judicial reform effort around the country to address the growing problem.

In Oregon, the amounts contributed to candidates in contested judicial elections are increasing. Most Oregonians believe our courts are fair and impartial. To keep them that way, the Oregon Fair Courts Network has been established. It is a group of community organizations representing those with a stake

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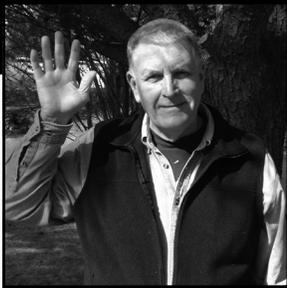
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# Central Oregon



## OLLI-CO President's Note

We all enjoy the classes and events available to us through our OLLI-CO membership. Behind the scenes is a less visible, but important part of the organization—the members

who volunteer to serve essential functions required by our By-Laws. This helps us fulfill our mission as a member-driven program of UO Academic Extension, and member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute National Network.

Here in Central Oregon, the Governing Council holds elections each November for new Council members. This year, we added an e-mail ballot component to the general election. The Governing Council assures that OLLI-CO is complying with our By-Laws and the desires of our members for high quality class offerings. The fundamental committees that work with the Council are Program, Hospitality, and Membership. All committees are staffed by OLLI-CO volunteers and do outstanding work for our group.

As you can see, the audio-visual technology at the UO Bend Center is wonderful, but sometimes temperamental and mystifying. We have just created an A-V committee to make sure we always have someone around to operate the classroom equipment when it's needed.

In coming months, the Governing Council and standing committee leaders will be encouraging members to join the volunteers who keep things functioning smoothly. The Membership Committee is particularly in need of help. This group is tasked with developing ways of attracting new members and making sure our members are satisfied with the programs being offered. Not a lot of time required to serve, and the satisfaction of helping OLLI-CO continue and prosper is very rewarding.

Make the most of your membership and volunteer today.

**Michael McAllister,**  
**OLLI-UO in Central Oregon**  
**Governing Council President**

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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.” (The Great Courses [http://www.thegreatcourses.com/tgc/courses/course\\_detail.aspx?cid=5657](http://www.thegreatcourses.com/tgc/courses/course_detail.aspx?cid=5657))

Upcoming classes:

- **December 4** Small Choices and Racial Discrimination;
- **December 11** Fairness and the Ultimatum Game;
- **December 18** Altruism, Charity, and Gifts; Loss Aversion and Reference Point Bias

- **January 8** Risk and Uncertainty; Human Herds and Information Cascades
- **January 15** Addiction and Choice; Obesity—Who Bears the Costs?
- **January 22** The Economics of Natural Disasters; Sports Lessons—Pay, Performance, Tournaments
- **January 29** Voting, Money, and Politics; The Pursuit of Happiness (Final class)

### **Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe**

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. through March 7

Facilitator: Jim Hammond

“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.”

Join OLLI-CO for this ongoing Science Friday class.

### **Writer's Bloc**

Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Got a memoir, a story, a poem or a play that you'd love to get onto paper?

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Join OLLI-CO's writer's workshop to share your ideas and get feedback from the group. Meets weekly.

## The Page Turners Book Group

### December Selection

#### ***The Lotus Eaters* by Tatiana Soli**

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

### January Selection:

#### ***Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen**

Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.  
Kelly Arnoldus will facilitate the discussion of *Water for Elephants*, the January novel for the Page Turners fiction group.

"Life is good for Jacob Jankowski. He's about to graduate from veterinary school and about to bed the girl of his dreams. Then his parents are killed in a car crash, leaving him in the middle of the Great Depression with no home, no family, and no career. Almost by accident, Jacob joins the circus. There he falls in love with the beautiful performer Marlena, who is married to the circus' psychotic animal trainer. He also meets the other love of his life, Rosie the elephant. This lushly romantic novel travels back and forth in time between Jacob's present day in a nursing home and his adventures in the surprisingly harsh world of 1930s circuses. The ending of both stories is a little too cheerful to be believed, but just like a circus, the magic of the story and the writing convince you to suspend your disbelief. The book is partially based on real circus stories and illustrated with historical circus

photographs." —Marta Segal Block Booklist

Beautifully written, *Water for Elephants* is illuminated by a wonderful sense of time and place. It tells a story of a love between two people that overcomes incredible odds in a world in which even love is a luxury that few can afford." —Book Browse

## Nonfiction Book Group:

### December Selection

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

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

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

### January Selection

#### ***The Fifties* by David Halberstam**

Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, 10:00 a.m.  
Facilitator: Rod Charny

"The Fifties is a sweeping social, political, economic, and cultural history of the ten years that Halberstam regards as seminal in determining what our nation is today. Halberstam offers portraits of not only the titans of the age: Eisenhower, Dulles, Oppenheimer, MacArthur, Hoover, and Nixon, but also of Harley Earl, who put fins on cars; Dick and Mac McDonald and Ray Kroc, who mass-produced the American hamburger; Kemmons Wilson, who placed his Holiday Inns along the nation's roadsides; U-2 pilot Gary Francis Powers; Grace Metalious, who wrote *Peyton Place*; and "Goody" Pincus, who led the team that invented the Pill."

"In retrospect," writes David Halberstam, "the pace of the fifties

seemed slower, almost languid. Social ferment, however, was beginning just beneath this placid surface." He shows how the United States began to emerge from the long shadow of FDR's 12-year presidency, with the military-industrial complex and the Beat movement simultaneously growing strong. Television brought not only situation comedies but controversial congressional hearings into millions of living rooms. While Alfred Kinsey was studying people's sex lives, Gregory Pincus and other researchers began work on a pill that would forever alter the course of American reproductive practices. Halberstam takes on these social upheavals and more, charting a course that is as easy to navigate as it is wide-ranging. (Amazon.com)

## Future Reads:

### **February: *Eisenhower: In War and Peace*, by Jean Edwards Smith**

Facilitator: Bill McCann

### **March: *Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh, and America's Fight Over World War II, 1939–1942*, by Lynne Olson**

Facilitator: Russ Hopper

### **April: *The Wordy Shipmates* by Sarah Vowel**

Facilitator: Volunteer wanted

### **May: *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*, by Erik Larson**

Facilitator: Tom O'Brien

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## 2 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior** [DVD study group] Why Do People Fall in Love; What Makes Relationships Succeed or Fail? Facilitator: Mike McAllister (UOBC)

## 3 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group** [study group] *Never Say Die: The Myth and Marketing of the New Old Age* by Susan Jacoby Facilitator: Jim Hammond. (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.

## 4 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD study group] Small Choices and Racial Discrimination; Cooperation and the Prisoner's Dilemma. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 5 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group] Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 6 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] Cosmic Expansion—Keeping Track of Energy; Cosmic Acceleration—Falling Outward. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 9 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior** [DVD study group] Why Do People Blush; A Few Mysteries We Can't Explain Yet. Facilitators: Barbara Jordan and Kelly Arnoldus (UOBC)

## 10 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. The Page Turners** [book group] *The Lotus Eaters* by Tatiana Soli. Facilitator: Jeanne Freeman (UOBC)

## 11 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD study group] Fairness and the Ultimatum Game; Myopic Preferences and Behavioral Economics. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 12 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group] Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 13 Friday

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] The Cosmic Microwave Background; Conditions During the First Million Years. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 17 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group** [study group] *Never Say Die: The Myth and Marketing of the New Old Age* by Susan Jacoby Facilitator: Jim Hammond. (UOBC)

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

## 18 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD study group] Altruism, Charity, and Gifts; Loss, Aversion and Reference Point Bias. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

**Noon—Winter Holiday Party** [social] (UOBC)

## 19 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group] Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 20 Friday

**10:00 Governing Council Meeting**  
President: Mike McAllister, 541-389-3430 (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe** [DVD study group] Primordial Sound—Big Bang Acoustics; Using Sound as Cosmic Diagnostic. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

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**25 Wednesday**

**UO Closed for Christmas Holiday**

**26 Thursday**

**No OLLI-UO Classes Scheduled**

**27 Friday**

**No OLLI-UO Classes Scheduled**

## **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**

Mail renewals and membership applications to:

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Eugene, OR 97403-1277

Or call the OLLI-UO office to renew,  
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Russel Hopper, 541-647-4626

# Central Oregon

## Learning Circle

### Monthly Schedule

#### Monday

1:30 p.m. Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior: weekly through December 9.

#### 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. Unexpected Economics: first, second and third weeks in December.

News and Views: on hiatus.

#### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop: first, second and third weeks in December.

#### Friday

1:30 p.m. Cosmology: first, second and third weeks in December.

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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### Math for the Masses with Larry Weinberg

Begins Friday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.–noon

Math seems to be one of those “love it or leave it” subjects. Either you get it or you hate it! Unfortunately for the “leave its” or the “hate its” our increasingly technical world requires an educated citizen to understand the subject.

Come join OLLI CO member **Larry Weinberg** for an eight-week course on Math for the Masses. This class is a prototype for a proposed college-level course on how mathematicians look at the world when they wear their math spectacles. The course will integrate several Teaching Company DVD's with live lectures, problem solving and even homework for those up to the task.

The objective is not the traditional one of solving linear equations, solving quadratic equations, finding roots, etc. (although we will talk about these things). Rather, we will be looking at mathematics as the language of patterns and at the symbols that are used in that language. We will look at logic and proof and also topics from the history of mathematics. Hopefully you will come away from the course with a new way to look at the world—a way that uses mathematics to model the world around us. For those who would like a text, Larry recommends *Math for the Frightened* by Colin Pask and *Journey Through Genius* by William Dunham. Paperbound editions of both books are available through Amazon.com and Powells.com although supplies of used copies may be limited.

### “Drone” Flight Testing in Central Oregon

Tuesday, January 14, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Oregon is actively working on the development of its unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) industry. (The press refers to them as drones, which is an incorrect use of the term.) The State of Oregon is investing in the industry with just under a million dollars in seed funding to develop UAS projects and conduct business development enterprise growth.

The Oregon UAS Team has applied, along with twenty-four other states, for a UAS Test Site designation. This active competition will result in six states being selected for conducting the flight research and concept of operations development that will lead to safe integration of UAS into the National Airspace System.

Oregon is teamed with Alaska, which brings significant arctic UAS research and operational experience, and Hawaii, which brings tropics testing and maritime access. Oregon is the only team to have proposed these attributes to add to its own high desert, mountains, and coastal environments. Oregon is also conducting UAS operations serving agricultural and forestry research. We will be beginning search and rescue and fire management activities with UAS in the future.

**Eric Simpkins** spent many years designing and operating space systems. Following more than a decade in alternative energy, he has engaged with things of altitude, and now works with Near Space Corporation growing the business of stratospheric research balloon systems and unmanned aircraft systems.

# Eugene/Springfield



## OLLI-ES President's Note

As 2013–14 President of the Eugene-Springfield Governing Council, thank you for your participation in OLLI-UO and for your confidence in the new

Governing Council. The new members are **Byron Chell, Linda Jensen, Gordon Nagai, Anne Niemiec, John O'Brien, Susan Rutherford, Howard Schuman, Karen Siedel, Gary Spizzen, Elaine Stewart, and Bobbi Webster**. Our goals for the coming year are to:

- Lead and foster a collegial community of OLLI members who enjoy learning and lively discussion.
- Expand OLLI-UO's membership at the Eugene-Springfield program sites, and lead new outreach to the Florence area and other parts of Lane County.
- Complete the Campaign for OLLI with \$100,000 and 100 percent member participation by June 30, 2014.
- Increase communication and cooperation between OLLI-UO's Eugene-Springfield and Bend program sites.
- Strengthen relations with the University of Oregon's schools, academic programs, and faculty to expand our knowledge of additional disciplines.
- Introduce new programs that combine short lecture series with hands-on activities and travel for OLLI-UO members that might also be available to members of the public.

The Governing Council welcomes your comments and suggestions. Feel free to contact any one of us through the OLLI office 541-346-0697. Thank you for your participation and support.

**Pamela McClure-Johnston**  
**OLLI-ES Governing Council President**  
**541-636-4878**

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in a fair and impartial court system and concerned about the rise of campaign contributions, coupled with the cuts in judicial funding by the Legislature. On December 4, OLLI will host a panel that includes **Paul deMuniz**, former Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and **Kate Titus**, Executive Director of Common Cause Oregon; they will address the critical issues facing Oregon courts and how to deal with them. **Kappy Eaton** will moderate.

### **Latina/o Literature and the Cross-Currents of U.S. Environmentalism**

Thursday, December 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.  
The field of environmental studies has explored relationships between culture and the environment to create an earth-centered scholarly vision.

However, certain strains of environmental thought have emphasized privileged perspectives over those people of color, the poor, and the formerly colonized. UO Professor **David Vazquez**, will visit OLLI to discuss a current research project he plans to develop as a book-length study. Tentatively titled *Latina/o Literature and the Cross-Currents of U.S. Environmentalism*, his study identifies parallel and countervailing traditions of environmental thought in contemporary Latina/o literature that speak powerfully to environmental justice frameworks.

Rather than seeing the environment as marginal to antiracist struggles, his work locates how Latina/o literary texts integrate environmental concerns with questions of social and political justice. While this view is contrary to the popular myth that

holds that subjugated peoples either don't care about or don't have time for environmental issues, this project builds on the work of postcolonial critics like Ramachandra Guha who argue that marginalized peoples are often at the forefront of environmental thinking. In addition, this project seeks to provide a literary history of the environmental imaginary in Latina/o texts that dates to the very origins of the field in the late 1950s. Vazquez' work demonstrates a sustained engagement with environmental thinking across a wide range of Latina/o literary texts.

### **Winter Holiday Party**

Wednesday, December 11,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

As we prepare for the winter, OLLI members can come together to

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# Eugene/Springfield

## 2 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 Picture**  
[film] *Stand By Me*. Introduced by Jack Powell (AK/MX)

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

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

## 3 Tuesday

**9:00 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—Evolution of the Universe; The Big Bang*. 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—Tutankhamun's Mask; Tomb Painting of Nefertari*. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

## 4 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. International Relations**  
[discussion group] topic TBA. Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Protecting the Oregon Courts from Big Money** [panel discussion] Presenters: Paul deMuniz, Kate Titus, Kappy Eaton (AK/MX)

## 5 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Latina/o Literature and the Cross-Currents of U.S. Environmentalism** [lecture]  
Presenter: David Vazquez (AK/MX)

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

## 6 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—January Newsletter Submission Deadline**

## 9 Monday

**10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon**  
[study group] Existentialism: Kierkegaard's Existential Dialectic; Friedrich Nietzsche on Nihilism and the Death of God. DVD lectures by Robert Soloman. 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 Picture** [film] *Goodbye Mr. Chips*. Introduced by Dave Holloman (AK/MX)

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

## 10 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group] *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

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

## 11 Wednesday

**1:30 p.m. Holiday Party: The Nutcracker**  
[social] (AK/MX/CN)

## 12 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Eugene Opera Previews *La Traviata*** [lecture] Presenters: Phyllis Villec and members of the Eugene Opera (AK/MX)

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

## 13 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. Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements** [lecture] Presenter: Lynn Stephen (AK/MX)

## 16 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 Picture** [film] *A Christmas Carol*. Introduced by Martha Sargent (AK/MX)

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

# Eugene/Springfield

## 17 Tuesday

**10:30 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD study group] *Mysteries of Modern Physics: Time—The Multiverse; Approaches to the Arrow of Time* Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

**1:30 p.m. Art History** [DVD study group] *30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World— Kritios Boy—Idealized Athletic Youth; Discobolus—Motion in Sculpture.* Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

## 18 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. International Relations** [discussion group] topic TBA. Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Here On the Edge:** [lecture] Presenter: Steve McQuiddy (AK/MX)

**3:30 p.m. Alternatives** [discussion group] Food Safety—Organics. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

## 19 Thursday

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

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

**1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy** [book group] *Noa Noa* by Paul Gauguin. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

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

## 20 Friday

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

**1:30 p.m. Alternatives to War Documentaries** [film discussion] *The Christmas Truce* Presenter: Anne Millhollen (AK/MX)

## 23 Monday

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

**10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon** [study group] Existentialism: Nietzsche the "Immoralist"; Nietzsche on Freedom, Fate, and Responsibility. DVD lectures by Robert Solomon. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

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

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

## 24 Tuesday

**UO Closed for Christmas Holiday**

## 25 Wednesday

**UO Closed for Christmas Holiday**

## 26 Thursday

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

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

## 27 Friday

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

## 30 Monday

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

**3:45 p.m. French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (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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celebrate the change of seasons at our annual Winter Holiday Party. This year the decorations and entertainment are inspired by E.T.A. Hoffman's story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*.

Join your fellow members for an afternoon of treats, and good company, as members of the Eugene Youth Ballet perform scenes from the Tchaikovsky ballet, *The Nutcracker*. As a bonus, members of our Interpretive Play Reading group will perform select scenes in a Reader's Theater presentation.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the past year and prepare to ring in the new with all your friends at OLLI-UO.

## Eugene Opera Previews

### *La Traviata*

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

Get out your handkerchiefs! Eugene Opera will present Verdi's masterpiece, *La Traviata* on December 31, January 3 and 5. We at OLLI are invited to hear a delightful preview of the production on December 12. This is one of the most popular operas in the repertoire for a reason—it has a sad, but beautiful plot and some of Verdi's most melodious music. We will hear details of this production by members of our own Eugene Opera staff.

Don't forget, OLLI member **Hazel Jones** is organizing group tickets for the matinee performance of *La Traviata* on January 5. If you are interested in attending, give Hazel a call, 541-345-7812.

## We Are the Face of Oaxaca:

### Testimony and Social Movements

Friday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.

Professor **Lynn Stephen** will talk about her new book, *We Are the Face of Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements*. She will describe how the uprising began, how a coalition of 300 organizations came together and began to develop a participatory vision for the state. Testimonials were broadcast on radio and television stations appropriated by the APPO, shared at public demonstrations, debated in homes and in the streets, and disseminated around the world via the Internet. One editorial review said the “book offers a valuable opportunity to understand how protest movements work at the grass roots. This ethnography of the Oaxacan protest of 2006 focuses on testimony: the performed, embodied act of telling a story.”

Stephen is Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, professor of anthropology, and director of the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies at the University of Oregon. She is the author of *Transborder Lives: Indigenous Oaxacans in Mexico, California, and Oregon* and *Zapotec Women: Gender, Class, and Ethnicity in Globalized Oaxaca*, both also published by Duke University Press.

Book website: <http://faceofoaxaca.uoregon.edu/introduction>

## Here on the Edge

Wednesday, December 18,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Eugene author **Steve McQuiddy** will present a slideshow and talk of *Here on the Edge* (Oregon State University Press), the story of how a small group of World War II conscientious

objectors on the Oregon Coast plowed the ground for the social and cultural revolutions of the 1960s. Twenty years in the making and packed with original research and more than eighty photographs, this definitive history of Civilian Public Service Camp #56 and the Fine Arts at Waldport tells how artists and writers from across the country chose to take a condition of penance (compulsive labor for refusing to serve in the military) and put it to constructive ends. After the war, camp members participated in the San Francisco “Poetry Renaissance” of the 1950s with Beat Generation writers Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg—who in turn inspired Ken Kesey and his Merry Pranksters, leading the way to the radical upheavals and massive peace movements of the 1960s. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

## Alternatives to War Film Series:

### *The Christmas Truce*

Friday, December 20, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Anne Millhollen, PhD**, courtesy research associate, Dept. of Anthropology, UO, and active member of Beyond War Northwest will lead the discussion of *The Christmas Truce*, a 2002 History Channel documentary.

The Western Front saw some of the deadliest fighting of World War I. It was thus all the more amazing that on December 24, 1914, German and British soldiers stationed in Ypres, Belgium, spontaneously ceased hostilities and celebrated together.

Attendees will be encouraged to take notes and discuss the film on its many levels—dramatic content, the quality of presentation, what values were being discussed, and what works.

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## About the December 2013 Schedule

All meeting dates, topics, and schedules for committee meetings and study, discussion, and interest groups were accurate at the time this edition of the newsletter was prepared, but our December schedule sometimes changes to accommodate our members' holiday schedules. Please check the weekly e-minders for any last minute changes and updates, or call the OLLI office at 541-346-0697 to confirm group and committee meeting times.

## Russian Short Stories

Wednesdays, January 8 and 22,  
10:00 a.m.–noon

Due to the OLLI Holiday party, the short stories discussion group will not meet in December. Regular sessions will resume on January 8 with a discussion of the following selections, *Two Diaries* by Nadezhda Teffi, and *The Lady with the Lapdog* by Anton Chekov.

Copies of both stories will be available in the OLLI-UO/Academic Extension office.

The Movie Committee, in partnership with Short Story Discussions, will feature the movie *Dark Eyes* on January 27. The Russian/Italian film is an adaptation of Chekov's *The Lady with the Lapdog*.

## Historical Novels and Nonfiction Book Selections for Winter and Spring 2014

### January:

***The Lost Painting*  
by Jonathan Harr**

### February:

***Winter of the World*  
by Ken Follet**

### March:

***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter  
and Sweet* by Jamie Ford**

### April:

***Catherine the Great*  
by Robert K Massie**

### May:

***The Mountains Echoed*  
by Khaled Hosseini**

## Classics/Philosophy Reading List Winter and Spring 2014

### January:

***Loving* by Henry Green**

### February:

***Tristes Tropiques*  
by Claude Levi-Strauss**

### March:

***The Magic Mountain*  
by Thomas Mann**

### April:

***The Autobiography of  
Ulysses S. Grant***

### May:

***The Nine Tailors*  
by Dorothy Sayers**



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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 week only in  
December

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science:  
first and third weeks  
in December

1:30 p.m. Art History: first and third  
weeks

Classics/Philosophy: meets  
December 19

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: on hiatus—  
resumes January 8 and 22

3:30 p.m. Alternatives: meets  
December 18

### Thursday

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

News and Views: second and  
fourth weeks

Noon Poetry Writing: third week

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation:  
second week only in December

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation:  
weekly

### Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish:  
weekly

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