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### CENTRAL OREGON—"Drone" Flight Testing in Central Oregon

Tuesday, January 14, 1:30–3:30 p.m. UO Bend Center

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 \$2.5 million 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 Air-space 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

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### EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Climate Change: The Past As a Key To the Future

Wednesday, January 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

The snow and cold of early December must have warmed the hearts of climate-change deniers, who often argue that "if it's cold here, it must be cold everywhere!" A look at the weather map on any given day shows that's really never the case, and 2013 will finish in the top-ten list of warmest years globally since good weather records began to be kept in the 1800s. Professor **Pat Bartlein** of the UO Department of Geography will describe the current state of the climate system, as well as some of the results of the latest projections of future climate changes from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He will also describe the research being done at the UO on paleoclimatology (the study of past climate changes), and how that work shows that we should take seriously the projected future changes.

Bartlein received his PhD at the University of Wisconsin, and has been at the UO for thirty years. His research interests are in modern and past climates, and he teaches courses in climatology and the analysis and visualization of geographical data.

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# Central Oregon

## OLLI-CO Special Announcement



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OLLI-UO in Central Oregon is re-establishing the Membership Relations and Outreach Committee. The committee's projects include tasks that appeal to extroverts and introverts

from welcoming guests and new members, spreading the word about the program to other community groups or at special recruitment events to devising surveys, preparing membership packets and recruitment materials, tracking attendance and membership numbers, and keeping the name badges and attendance rosters up to date.

Do you have a background in public relations? Are you a good conversationalist who likes to bring together friends with similar interests? Are you a long-time resident of Central Oregon who enjoys sharing the beauty of the area with newcomers? Maybe you are relatively new to Central Oregon and understand the challenges of finding

your niche in a new community—your talents and insights can benefit our program.

As you can see, we are looking for members of all backgrounds and interests who can help with the varied tasks of Membership Relations and Outreach. We hope that you will lend a hand in re-establishing this valuable committee. Please be on the lookout for an announcement for an organizational meeting this month.

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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.

### **Two Continents and an Ocean**

Thursday, January 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m. UO Bend Center

Spending twenty-six months in southern Ethiopia with the Peace Corps, **Bridget Tinsley** has finished her service in the small village of Adaba where she worked with the villagers

on environmental conservation initiatives.

She will discuss the close familial relationships she developed with the people, the unique cultures and traditions found in the ancient land of Abyssinia, her efforts to encourage the planting of trees and gardens, and the cultivation of bamboo thickets as an economic advantage for the country.

This land where it all began is now thought of as the cradle of Homo Sapiens.

Bridget, the granddaughter of OLLI-CO member Margaret Young, majored in botany as an undergraduate and her efforts in Africa were directed toward preservation and conservation in a land with “13 months of sunshine.” She will now return to the University of Montana for her master’s degree and is excited to share her experiences in Africa with OLLI.

### **Math for the Masses**

Begins Friday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center Please join OLLI member **Larry Weinberg** for an extended journey through mathematics. The eight-week course weaves together three Teaching Company classes (‘Prove It: The Art of Mathematical Argument’, ‘Great Thinkers, Great Theorems’, and ‘Mathematical Problem Solving’), TED Talks, lectures, problem solving and homework for those so inclined. We will convey the power of mathematics and mathematical thinking when considering the many-faceted problems that we individually and collectively face in an increasingly complicated and technical world. The class is designed for those with a minimal knowledge of mathematics (arithmetic and basic algebra), but will

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hopefully provide insights for those with greater experience.

Subjects to be covered include Logic and Proof, Great Theorems from Great Mathematicians (with lots of history thrown in), Problem-Solving (but not the typical find the roots of the given quadratic equation!), and Mathematical Modeling. Learning mathematics is much like learning a new language that uses a different alphabet (think Chinese or Russian). Our brains have developed for the typical languages, but for the mathematical version we just need to work a little harder. We appear to be hard-wired for spoken language and certain small-number concepts; however, evolution did not equip us with easy to use neural circuits for formal mathematics. It is unlikely that the ability to solve the quadratic equation was of much use to our remote ancestors in the savannahs of Africa. In fact, those early hominids with strong 'algebra' skills may have been the ones who got eaten! However, times have changed and mathematical dexterity is a benefit in a technological world.

Two recommended (but not required) texts are *Math for the Frightened* by Colin Pask and *Journey through Genius* by William Dunham. Both books are available thru Amazon. Because mathematics is best learned by doing, there will be homework for those who wish to get more out of the class. 'Assignments' are intended to be fun—think of them as alternative Sudoku puzzles.

Logic and Proof provide the basic skills to understand how mathematicians show a conjecture to be true or false. This can be applied to arguments in the media to see if the

conclusions actually follow from asserted 'facts.' Once we understand some proof techniques we can study great theorems from classical mathematics (think Euclid) through the start of the twentieth century, and learn about the history of mathematics and the interesting individuals who worked on these problems. In mathematical problem solving, we look at patterns and applying mathematical approaches to problems that at first glance don't seem like math problems at all. With modeling we turn our attention to the application of mathematics to problems in the 'real' world. What is interesting here is the use of mathematics in disciplines that at first seem like unlikely candidates for mathematical analysis. Several TED Talks will provide interesting food for thought in this area.

Larry Weinberg has a BS in mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a PhD in mathematics from the University of Minnesota. He has taught at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and is a part-time instructor at Central Oregon Community College in Bend. He retired to Bend following a career at the Boeing Company, where he was involved in mathematical modeling related to environmental management and decision-making. Please join Larry for a different approach to mathematics than that which you typically encounter in the standard issue math class.

## Nonfiction Book Group:

### January: *The Fifties* by David Halberstam

Tuesdays, January 7 and 21,  
10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center

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

Tuesdays, February 4 and 18,  
10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center  
Facilitator: Bill McCann

"In this extraordinary volume, Jean Edward Smith presents a portrait of Dwight D. Eisenhower that is as full, rich, and revealing as anything ever written about America's thirty-fourth president. Here is Eisenhower the young dreamer, charting a course from Abilene, Kansas, to West Point and beyond.

"Drawing on a wealth of untapped primary sources, Smith provides new insight into Ike's maddening apprenticeship under Douglas MacArthur. Then the whole panorama of World War II unfolds, with Eisenhower's superlative generalship forging the Allied path to victory.

"Smith also gives us an intriguing examination of Ike's finances, details his wartime affair with Kay Summersby, and reveals the inside story of the 1952 Republican convention that catapulted him to the White House. Smith's chronicle of Eisenhower's presidential years is as compelling as it is comprehensive.

"Derided by his detractors as a somnambulant caretaker, Eisenhower emerges in Smith's perceptive retelling as both a canny politician and a skillful, decisive leader. He managed not only to keep the peace, but also

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## 1 Wednesday

**UO Closed New Years Holiday**

## 2 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group]  
Facilitators: Linda Charny and  
Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 3 Friday

**Noon—February Newsletter Submission  
Deadline**

**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)

## 7 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group**  
[study group] *The Fifties* by David  
Halberstam. 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.

## 8 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD  
study group] Risk and Uncertainty;  
Human Herds and Information  
Cascades. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill  
(UOBC)

## 9 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group]  
Facilitators: Linda Charny and  
Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 10 Friday

**10:00 a.m. Math for the Masses** [short  
course] Facilitator: Larry Weinberg  
(UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History  
and Nature of Our Universe**  
[DVD study group] Primordial  
Roughness—Seeding Structure;  
The Dark Age—From Sound to  
the First Stars. Facilitator: Jim  
Hammond (UOBC)

## 14 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. The Page Turners** [book  
group] *Water for Elephants* by Sara  
Gruen. Facilitator: Jeanne Freeman  
(UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Drone Flight Testing in Central  
Oregon** [lecture] Presenter: Eric  
Simpkins (UOBC)

## 15 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD  
study group] Addiction and Choice;  
Obesity—Who Bears the Costs?  
Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

**10:00 a.m. Governing Council Meeting**  
President: Name Phone (UOBC)

## 16 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group]  
Facilitators: Linda Charny and  
Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Two Continents and an Ocean**  
[lecture] Presenter: Bridget Tinsley  
(UOBC)

## 17 Friday

**10:00 a.m. Math for the Masses** [short  
course] Facilitator: Larry Weinberg  
(UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and  
Nature of Our Universe** [DVD  
study group] Infant Galaxies; From  
Child to Maturity—Galaxy Evolution.  
Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 20 Monday

**UO Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday**

## 21 Tuesday

**10:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group**  
[study group] *The Fifties* by David  
Halberstam. Facilitator: Jim  
Hammond. (UOBC)

## 22 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics** [DVD  
study group] The Economics of  
Natural Disasters; Sports Lessons—  
Pay, Performance, Tournaments.  
Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 23 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Writer's Bloc** [study group]  
Facilitators: Linda Charny and  
Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 24 Friday

**10:00 a.m. Math for the Masses** [short  
course] Facilitator: Larry Weinberg  
(UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and  
Nature of Our Universe** [DVD  
study group] Giant Black Holes—  
Construction and Carnage; The  
Galaxy Web—A Relic of Primordial  
Sound. Facilitator: Jim Hammond  
(UOBC)

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## 28 Tuesday

### 1:30 p.m. Program Committee Meeting

Chair: Helen Pruitt, 541-382-7827 (UOBC)

## 29 Wednesday

### 10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics [DVD

study group] Voting, Money, and Politics; The Pursuit of Happiness (Final session). Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOBC)

## 30 Thursday

### 10:00 a.m. Writer's Bloc [study group]

Facilitators: Linda Charny and Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

## 31 Friday

### 10:00 a.m. Math for the Masses [short course] Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

### 1:30 p.m. Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe [DVD study group] Atom Factories—Stellar Interiors; Understanding Element Abundances. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (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

#### 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,  
800-824-2714

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Mike McAllister, 541-389-3430

Program Chair:  
Helen Pruitt, 541-382-7827

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## Learning Circle

### Monthly Schedule

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group, first week; 10:30 a.m. third week

10:00 a.m. Pageturners Fiction Group, second week

Noon Round Table Luncheon: first week at The Pine Tavern

#### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Unexpected Economics: weekly.

News and Views: on hiatus.

#### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writing Workshop: weekly.

#### Friday

1:30 p.m. Cosmology: weekly.

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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to enhance America's prestige in the Middle East and throughout the world. Unmatched in insight, *Eisenhower in War and Peace* at last gives us an Eisenhower for our time—and for the ages.” (summary from Randomhouse.com <http://www.randomhouse.com/book/169092/eisenhower-in-war-and-peace-by-jean-edward-smith>)

### The Page Turners: Fiction Book Group

**January: *Water for Elephants*, by Sarah Gruen**

Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.–noon

February: *March*, by Geraldine Brooks

Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.–noon

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

**Nutrition Made Clear**

Begins Monday, February 3, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Genetics are an important factor in determining health. It is becoming clear, however, that in the absence of some genetic mutation that disposes us to a disease, nutrition and lifestyle are the major determinants of how healthy we are.

We will explore the fundamentals of good nutrition and see how they can impact the quality of your life. The course does not assume a background in science; you will learn the difference between proteins, carbohydrates, and fats and what role they play in the body. Have you wondered what the difference between omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids is and why you should even care? What is the Glycemic Index and why should you pay attention to it? What is the

metabolic syndrome and its health ramifications? Come see it you can improve your health by following better nutritional practices.

Professor Roberta Anding of Baylor University guides us in this Teaching Company course. The course is facilitated and supplemented by Burt Litman. Burt obtained his PhD in physical biochemistry from the University of Oregon. He taught at the University of Virginia Medical School in the Department of Biochemistry and then established a research laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where his work centered on signal transduction in the retina.

**Gettysburg**

Beginning Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.–noon

This year we commemorated the 150th anniversary of perhaps the most crucial battle in our history, the Battle of Gettysburg. OLLI-CO is remembering this event with a series of programs examining the politics, tactics, personalities, and absolute ferocity of this battle. We should never forget what was at stake and what would have resulted had the Union not won. We will present a panel, DVD, and discussion examining this nineteenth century event.

# Eugene/Springfield



## OLLI-ES Special Notice

This year I decided to include OLLI in my estate plan. Why? Because I want to leave a lasting legacy to an organization that has given me so much.

OLLI is an important part of my life both intellectually and socially. In 2004, a few months after I moved to Oregon from Montana, I joined Learning in Retirement. Through LIR (now OLLI), I made friends and continued my education with excellent lectures and enjoyable groups, classes, and trips.

As council president I learned that the generosity of past members and support from Academic Extension allows us to retain our low membership fees. The fees and support do not, however, cover all the costs of running OLLI.

The Campaign for OLLI, launched in 2011, will allow us to grow our endowment to ensure the continuation of our organization and to strengthen our program. I want to

help OLLI remain robust in the future and able to serve our members at an affordable fee.

Please consider including OLLI in your estate plans, as well as making an immediate donation before the campaign ends (June 30, 2014). Wouldn't it be great to have 100 percent of our members participate?

Thanks for supporting OLLI through your membership, attendance, donations, and volunteer efforts.

**Beate Galda**

You can make a difference for many generations to come by participating in the Campaign for OLLI.

If, like Beate, you would like to include OLLI in your estate plans (will, living trust, retirement plan, life-income gift), contact OLLI and the UO Office of Gift Planning at 800-289-2354, or send an email to [giftplan@uoregon.edu](mailto:giftplan@uoregon.edu).

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### **Why Did the Fish Leave the Water**

Friday, January 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

The evolutionary transition from fish to amphibian is one of the most important events in the history of life, widely celebrated in popular culture. The image of a plucky fish leaving a shrinking desert pond has become iconic, but now appears flawed. Professor **Greg Retallack** will address this old question with new information on the habitats of early amphibians in Devonian rocks (360 million years old) in Pennsylvania and New York.

### **Titans of the Renaissance, Art History Special Series**

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29;

February 5 and 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Three men, all of whom lived at the same time, and all of whom knew each other, changed the world of art forever. Two of them worked in the same room in the city hall of Florence, Italy, yet were not on speaking terms with one another. Two of them worked on huge frescoes at the Vatican, but were never introduced to one another. All three of them lost their mothers before the age of nine. Two of them were encouraged by their kindly fathers to study art; the third was beaten, often severely, for “wasting time drawing too much.” One was a sculptor who did not like to paint; one was a painter who thought sculpture “far too dirty.” Two of them wrote poetry, one played the lute,

sang, and composed ribald jokes. History has proclaimed all three geniuses; yet few people know their personal stories, their superb triumphs and their disastrous failures, their prideful joys and their tragic sorrows. Join presenter, **Helene-Carol Brown**, and see what it is about Leonardo daVinci, Michelangelo Buonarroti, and Raphael Sanzio that made them the Titans of the Renaissance.

### **My Life and Times at The Register-Guard**

Friday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.–noon  
Longtime columnist **Bob Welch** shares about his fourteen-year experience as the newspaper's general columnist and twenty-four years at the paper: what he loved, what he loathed, and why he decided to take early retirement.

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# Eugene/Springfield

## 1 Wednesday

**UO Closed New Years Holiday**

## 2 Thursday

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

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

## 3 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—February Newsletter Submission Deadline**

## 6 Monday

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

## 7 Tuesday

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

**10:30 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD study group] A New History of Life: The Interconnected Earth; The Vast Depths of Earth Time. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

**1:30 p.m. Art History** [DVD study group] 30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World—Parthenon Marbles—Metopes and Frieze; Greek Vase Painting—"Death of Sarpedon." Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

## 8 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories** [study group] *The Lady With the Lapdog* by Anton Chekhov, and *Two Diaries* by Nadezhda Teffi. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Climate Change: The Past As a Key To the Future** [lecture] Presenter: Pat Bartlein (AK/MX)

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

## 9 Thursday

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

**1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation** [DVD study group] Robert and Clara Schumann—Their Lives and Music, Part I; History of Jazz. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Campaign for OLLI** [meeting] Co-Chairs: Paul Holbo and Pam McClure-Johnston (BZ)

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

## 10 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. Why Did the Fish Leave the Water** [lecture] Presenter: Greg Retallack (AK/MX)

## 13 Monday

**10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon** [study group] Existentialism: Nietzsche—*The Ubermensch* and the Will to Power; Three Grand Inquisitors—Dostoevsky, Kafka, Hesse. DVD Presenter: 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 (BZ)

## 14 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group] *The Lost Painting* by Jonathan Harr. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

## 15 Wednesday

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

**1:30 p.m. Titans of the Renaissance, Art History Special Series** [lecture session one of five] Presenter: Helene-Carol Brown (AK/MX)

## 16 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed** [discussion group] topic 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)

## 17 Friday

**1:00 p.m. My Life and Times at the Register-Guard** [lecture] Presenter: Bob Welch (AK/MX)

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

**1:30 p.m. Alternatives to War Documentary** [film series] *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. Presenter: Anne Millhollen (AK/MX)

# Eugene/Springfield

## 20 Monday

**UO Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

## 21 Tuesday

**10:30 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD study group] A New History of Life: Fossil Clocks; Paleontologists as Detectives. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

**1:30 p.m. Art History** [DVD study group] 30 Masterpieces of the Ancient World—Aphrodite of Knidos; Laocoon—Three Dimensional Narrative. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

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

## 22 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Russian Short Stories** [study group] See *the Other Side* by Tatyana Tolstaya and *There's Someone in the House* by Ludmilla Petrushevskaya. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Titans of the Renaissance, Art History Special Series** [lecture, session two of five] Presenter: Helene-Carol Brown (AK/MX)

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

## 23 Thursday

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## 24 Friday

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

## 27 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—Husserl, Heidegger, and Phenomenology; Heidegger on "Authenticity." DVD Presenter: 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 (BZ)

## 28 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group] *The Lost Painting* by Jonathan Harr. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

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

## 29 Wednesday

**1:30 p.m. Titans of the Renaissance, Art History Special Series** [lecture, session three of five] Presenter: Helene-Carol Brown (AK/MX)

## 30 Thursday

**10:00 a.m. Fifth Thursday** [discussion group] How did your place (your birth order) with siblings/parents affect your life? Facilitators: Don and Bobbi Webster (CN)

## 31 Friday

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

### 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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1277 University of Oregon  
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Or drop them off at the office:  
975 High Street, Eugene

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Call 541-346-0697

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## **The Oregon Shakespeare Festival**

Join your OLLI friends for its annual trek to Ashland for the Shakespeare Festival March 18–19. We'll see three plays—*The Tempest*, *The Cocoanuts*, and *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window*. We'll travel by Experience Oregon motorcoach, stay at the Stratford Inn, see the three plays, hear a talk from an actor, and have a light supper at the Wolf Creek Tavern on the way home. The cost: \$238, double; \$296 single. Call Experience Oregon, 541-243-2662 to make your reservation. Any questions about the trip? Call Hazel, 541-345-7812.

## **Russian Short Stories**

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

After the December break, short stories discussions will reconvene on the second and fourth Wednesday of January to complete the Russian short stories series.

Readings for these final sessions are:

- January 8—*The Lady With the Lapdog* by Anton Chekov and *Two Diaries* by Nadezhda Teffi
- January 22—*See the Other Side* by Tatyana Tolstaya and *There's Someone in the House* by Ludmilla Petrushevskaya.

## **Understanding Science to Study A New History of Life**

Tuesday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

In January, the Understanding Science Study Group will begin a new Teaching Company DVD course consisting of thirty-six lectures on the study of life on earth. "The story of our world and the different living things that have populated it is an amazing epic with millions of species both familiar and strange, exotic settings, planet-wide cataclysms, and surprising plot twists.

*A New History of Life* tells this all-embracing story of life on Earth—its origins, extinctions, and evolutions—in 36 lavishly illustrated lectures (two lectures per meeting). Professor Stuart Sutherland of The University of British Columbia gives a gripping account, showing why he is an award-winning and nationally recognized teacher. Illustrated by thousands of illuminating, entertaining, and often otherworldly images, *A New History of Life* is a visual feast, with pictures reinforcing every milestone in the 4.54-billion-year journey from a nascent planet to now." (From the Great Courses, [http://www.thegreatcourses.com/tgc/courses/course\\_detail.aspx?cid=1520](http://www.thegreatcourses.com/tgc/courses/course_detail.aspx?cid=1520))

The Understanding Science Group meets the first, third, and most fifth Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m., and all OLLI members and their guests are welcome. While the course is vigorously paced, it is designed for viewers without a specialized background in this area of science. Please call facilitator John O'Brien if you have questions, 541-461-9100.

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## **Winter Film Series: Great Musicals—A Dance Through the Decades**

Mondays, February 3–March 31, 1:30 p.m.

Don't let the rain and snow get you down. Come sing and dance your way through winter. February and March will provide you with Great Musicals from every decade starting with a Busby Berkeley celebration called *42nd Street*. This series provides an overview of Broadway and Hollywood's changing approach to musicals throughout the twentieth century.

February films include: *42nd Street*, *Top Hat*, *On The Town*, and *Silk Stockings*. The selections for March highlight mid to late century films *The Music Man*, *All That Jazz*, *Cabaret*, *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?*, and *Evita!*

## **Newsletter Editor Needed**

We are looking for a member to serve as editor for the Eugene-Springfield section of *The Oregon Sage*. The member-editor compiles and copy edits the local news and program descriptions each month, and provides an editor's note for most editions.

If you are interested, or would like to learn more about this volunteer position, please contact the OLLI-  
UO office by phone or email: 541-346-0697 or [osher@uoregon.edu](mailto:osher@uoregon.edu)



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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  
Tuesdays.

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

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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### Newsletter Deadlines and Delivery

We have received a number of phone calls recently from OLLI members frustrated by late arriving newsletters. It's very difficult to make plans for the month without access to the schedule, and some terrific events have not been as well attended as they might have been with more advanced notice.

To help correct this situation we will be returning to a stricter production schedule for our monthly publication. Content submissions are due *no later* than noon on the first Friday of each month. February copy, for example, should be submitted for copy editing *on or before* Friday, January 3.

If you are planning to contribute to future newsletters please remember that once copy is submitted it takes a week to edit, layout, and proofread the copy, and then another week for it to move through the UO campus printing and mailing process! As a service to your fellow OLLI members, please make sure to send your newsletter content in before the deadline passes. Special thanks to contributors who do manage to meet the deadline every month rain or shine, your hard work and extra effort are much appreciated.

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