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CENTRAL OREGON—Nonfiction Book Group

***The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace* by Aaron David Miller**

Tuesdays, December 2 and 16, 10:00 a.m.–noon; UO Bend Center

For nearly twenty years, Aaron David Miller has played a central role in U.S. efforts to broker Arab-Israeli peace. His position as an advisor to presidents, secretaries of state, and national security advisors has given him a unique perspective on a problem that American leaders have wrestled with for more than half a century. Why has the world's greatest superpower failed to broker, or impose, a solution in the Middle East? If a solution is possible, what would it take? And why, after so many years of struggle and failure, with the entire region even more unsettled than ever, should Americans even care? Is Israel/Palestine really the "much too promised land"?

As a historian, analyst, and negotiator, perhaps no one is more qualified to answer these questions than Aaron David Miller. Without partisanship or finger-pointing, Miller lucidly and honestly records what went right, what went wrong, and how we got where we are today. Here is an insider's view of the peace

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EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Peace Corps Series: South Africa

Wednesday, December 3, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Gary Cornelius will deliver a lecture on his Peace Corps service in South Africa. Please mark your calendars for the final fall lecture in this ongoing series.

52 Little Lessons from *Les Miserables*

Friday, December 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Author and former *Register-Guard* columnist Bob Welch shares about life nuggets from Victor Hugo's classic novel and the musical that was made from it. If time permits, Welch will also discuss—and show slides—of his "beauty and the beast" trip on California's John Muir Trail last summer: 190 miles that ended atop 14,505-foot Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower forty-eight states.

Welch is an award-winning columnist, the author of sixteen books, and a popular inspirational speaker. He serves as an adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Oregon and is founder/director of the Beachside Writers Workshop.

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OLLI-CO Editor's Note

On Wednesday, December 17, join OLLI-CO for a holiday party beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the UO Bend Center. Join us for food, friendship, and holiday cheer; perhaps a

quiz for those so inclined; and the Second Annual Writer's Bloc edition of stories and poems.

And what a plethora of holidays there are to celebrate! Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Solstice, Festivus, Boxing Day, and New Year's. Plans are just getting underway for the party (as I write this in November), so watch for more details coming. You might just find potato latkes under the Christmas tree!

The year is winding down and OLLI classes will take a hiatus for the weeks of December 22 and 29 while we celebrate the holidays. Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2015.

In January we will begin a new occasional series in Central Oregon. On January 30, **Rick Koch, MD**, a cardiologist with Bend Medical Center (BMC) will be speaking to us about "What your physician isn't telling you about heart disease." In future programs we will have a specialist on sleep disorders and an MD who practices alternative medicine.

And while winter is just approaching, it is time to think about and plan spring and summer field trips. If you've got ideas for hikes, business visits, art shows, or any other group activity, please share them with Barbara Jordan bjordan@bendbroadband.com

Safe travels whether staying local or visiting families elsewhere. See you back in the classroom soon. Wishes for happy holidays—and a healthy and happy new year to all.

Jeanne Freeman, OLLI-UO Central Oregon Editor

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process from a place at the negotiating table, filled with unforgettable stories and colorful behind-the-scenes anecdotes. Here, too, are new interviews with all the key players, including Presidents Carter, Ford, Bush forty-one, all nine U.S. secretaries of state, as well as Arab and Israeli leaders, who disclose the inner thoughts and strategies that motivated them. The result is a book that shatters all preconceived notions to tackle the complicated issues of culture, religion, domestic politics, and national security that have defined—and often derailed—a half century of diplomacy.

Honest, critical, and certain to be controversial, this insightful first-person account offers a brilliant new analysis of the problem of Arab-Israeli peace and how, against all odds, it

still might be solved. (3/25/2008 Goodreads.com)

Facilitator: Bill McCann

January Book

1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus by Charles C. Mann

Tuesdays, January 6 and 20, 10:00 a.m.–noon; UO Bend Center
In this groundbreaking work of science, history, and archaeology, Charles C. Mann radically alters our understanding of the Americas before the arrival of Columbus in 1492.

Facilitator: Susan Groszkiewicz

Page-Turners: Fiction Book Group

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.–noon; UO Bend Center
You are about to travel to Edgcombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and a cast of characters both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of your own family. Among them is Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired), the unlikely hero of Helen Simonson's wondrous debut. Wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing, Major Pettigrew is one of the most indelible characters in contemporary fiction, and from the very first page of this remarkable novel he will steal your heart.

The Major leads a quiet life

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valuing the proper things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honor, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But village society insists on embracing him as the quintessential local and her as the permanent foreigner. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition? (3/2/2010, Goodreads)

Facilitator: Joyce Pickersgill

The Universe Versus Alex Woods by Gavin Extence

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center
Quirky only begins to describe this incredibly touching tale of an epileptic British misfit science geek who befriends an aging American Vietnam War vet. Alex was randomly hit on the head by a meteorite before the friendship began. The big question is: how far would we go for a friend.

Facilitator: Linda Charny

First Tuesday Roundtable Luncheon

Tuesday, December 2, noon
Pine Tavern, downtown Bend
Join OLLI-CO for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at the Pine Tavern Inn in downtown Bend. It's a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other members. No planned program—just enjoy conversation,

company and food together. Please, call ahead to make reservations so that we know how many tables to reserve. Drop-ins will be seated only after those with reservations, and if there is room available.

To make your reservation call or e-mail: Harlie Peterson at harliepete@hotmail.com

Writer's Bloc

Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Writer's Bloc members have been working on writings for the second annual edition of stories and poems for the holidays. The booklets will be distributed to OLLI members during the holiday party in December.

Thank you to Carolyn Hammond for hosting the November class at her home. Our summer sessions were held in various members' homes, which was an immediate hit with the writers. There is more time to share our writing and it is also sparked by munchies provided by the attendees. We will continue to sprinkle home sessions in our schedule throughout the year. Be sure to check the e-blasts for information of the dates and places for these home sessions.

Ongoing Courses:

Please note: December classes will end on Friday, December 19 and will resume on January 5. There are no OLLI-CO classes during either Christmas or New Year's week.

How to Look at and Understand Great Art (The Great Courses)

Prof. Sharon Latchaw Hirsh PhD
Monday mornings, 10:00 a.m.–noon
In November, we finished what in a scientific paper I would refer to as the

“material and methods” section. We saw the development of various forms of painting and sculpture, such as frescos, use of tempera, oils and acrylics, relief, and sculpture in the round.

In December, we move on to discuss the rise of various movements in art. We start in the Renaissance period with the rise of Humanism, which carries on through the beginning of the sixteenth-century. The mid-sixteenth-century is dominated by a development of Mannerism, which favored compositional tension and instability rather than the balance and clarity of earlier Renaissance painting. This style included such artists as Michelangelo in his later years, Tintoretto, and El Greco. Mannerism was followed by Baroque styles in the late sixteenth-century. We then move on to Rococo, Neoclassicism, and Romanticism. Come see who the artists were that pioneered these art movements.

Facilitators: Burt Litman and Roger Aikin

World War I—Progenitor of the Modern Era

Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Our program series, *World War I* will be covering 1917's endurance and stress on the home front with increasing regimentation, inflation, the role of women in the workplace, the decimation of European aristocracies over-represented in the officer corps, and the scapegoating of ethnic groups. We will discuss growing unrest in the populations with the rise of radical socialism and the Russian Bolshevik class. The last two years of the war found political leaders reconfiguring

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1 Monday

10:00 a.m. How to Look at and Understand Great Art [DVD study group] Northern Renaissance—Devil in the Details; High Renaissance—Humanism Perfected. Facilitator: Burt Litman (UOBC)

2 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *The Much Too Promised Land* by David Miller. Facilitator: Bill McCann (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 by Monday, December 1.

3 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. World War I—Progenitor of the Modern Era [lecture series] War at Sea; Global Reach of War (topics subject to change). Presenters: Cal Pulis, Bill McCann, Mike McAllister, Bob Harrison, and Margaret Young (UOBC)

4 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Memory and the Human Lifespan [DVD study group] Sleep and the Consolidation of Memories; Infant and Early Childhood Memory. Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

5 Friday

No OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Programming Scheduled

8 Monday

10:00 a.m. How to Look at and Understand Great Art [DVD study group] Mannerism and Baroque—Distortion and Drama; Going Baroque—North versus South. Facilitator: Burt Litman (UOBC)

9 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-Turners [fiction book group] *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Facilitator: Joyce Pickersgill (UOBC)

10 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. World War I—Progenitor of the Modern Era [lecture series] Propaganda War; Endurance and Stress on the Home Front (topics subject to change). Presenters: Cal Pulis, Bill McCann, Mike McAllister, Bob Harrison, and Margaret Young (UOBC)

11 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Gerry Sharp (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Memory and the Human Lifespan [DVD study group] Animal Cognition and Memory; Mapping Memory in the Brain. Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

12 Friday

No OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Programming Scheduled

15 Monday

10:00 a.m. How to Look at and Understand Great Art [DVD study group] 18th Century Reality and Decorative Rococo; Revolutions—Neoclassicism and Romanticism. Facilitator: Burt Litman (UOBC)

16 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *The Much Too Promised Land* by David Miller. Facilitator: Bill McCann (UOBC)

17 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. World War I—Progenitor of the Modern Era [lecture series] Dissent and its Limits; Remobilization in 1916–1917 (topics subject to change). Presenters: Cal Pulis, Bill McCann, Mike McAllister, Bob Harrison, and Margaret Young (UOBC)

12:15 p.m. Holiday Party [member social] (UOBC)

18 Thursday

1:30 p.m. Memory and the Human Lifespan [DVD study group] Neural Network Models; Learning from Brain Damage and Amnesias. Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

19 Friday

10:00 a.m. Governing Council [meeting] (UOBC)

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OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Winter Break

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25 Thursday

OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Winter Break—VO Academic Extension Closed

26 Friday

OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Winter Break—VO Academic Extension Closed

29 Monday

OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Winter Break

30 Tuesday

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

31 Wednesday

OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Winter Break

Locations

All meetings are held at the VO 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 = VO Bend Center
BSC = Bend Senior Center
TBA = To Be Announced

Parking at the VO Bend Center

OLLI-VO 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>

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. How to Look at and Understand Great Art: first, second and third weeks in December.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-Turners Fiction

Group: second Tuesdays.

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group: first and third Tuesdays.

Noon Round Table Luncheon: first week at The Pine Tavern

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. World War I: Progenitor of the Modern Era: first, second and third weeks in December.

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc: first and second weeks in December.

1:30 Memory and the Human Lifespan, 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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the conflict. David Lloyd George and Georges Clemenceau assumed power while the German Generals Hindenburg and Ludendorff tried to shore up their popularity. The American entry into the war gave 1917 special significance as a world watershed. In the spring of 1918 the German command tried to achieve a breakthrough on the Western Front before the American troops arrived in sufficient numbers to tip the balance. And then on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11:00 a.m., the guns fell silent.

Panelists: Bill McCann, Cal Pulis, Mike McCallister, Bob Harrison, and Margaret Young

Memory and the Human Lifespan (The Great Courses)

Prof. Steve Joordens PhD

Thursday afternoons, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Although December will be an abbreviated month for the memory class due to those pesky holidays, we will still have a chance to view six lectures plus any assorted extra material such as TED talks that come our way. The lecture titles and a brief synopsis of the content are as follows.

Lecture 10, *When Memory Systems Battle—Habits vs. Goals.* What happens when implicit or procedural memories become so powerful they seize control? Learn how and why habits are formed and what steps might be useful in changing them, or at least regaining control.

Lecture 11, *Sleep and the Consolidation of Memories.* Does sleep play a role in strengthening memories of your daily experiences? We'll explore

the relationship between sleep and memory, including the possible link between specific sleep stages and specific kinds of memory.

Lecture 12, *Infant and Early Childhood Memory.* How does the maturation of memory fit into a child's overall brain development? Examine the development of a child's capacity for memory, beginning in the womb and continuing on with its dramatic development after entry into the world.

Lecture 13, *Animal Cognition and Memory.* Does an elephant really never forget? Investigate the extent to which the mysterious abilities of humans may also exist in animals and, how they might differ from our own.

Lecture 14, *Mapping Memory in the Brain.* Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) is allowing researchers to watch the living human brain at work, with no harm to the subject. Explore the brain as memories are created or retrieved.

Lecture 15, *Neural Network Models.* Can computer models mimic the operations of the human brain? Examine the use of neural network modeling, in which biologically inspired models are advancing our understanding of just how those operations take place. You'll just need to remember, after that big turkey dinner on Thanksgiving, to show up the following week!

Facilitator: Larry Weinberg

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OLLI-ES President's Note

We in OLLI join together to continue to improve this shared institution, which has enriched so many people's lives. In the past year we have benefitted from the energy and skilled leadership of Pam McClure-Johnston and the members of the council and committees. I'm honored to be the new president of the council for the coming year. I will do my best to further our progress toward active and wide-ranging learning experiences.

David Kolb
OLLI ES Council President

Since Council Elections were announced in the September newsletter there have been some changes in the 2014-15 Council Roster. Newly elected member **Hazel Jones** resigned from Council due to other volunteer commitments. **David Kolb** was appointed to the Council to fill the vacant position, and in late October, he was elected to serve as 2014-15 Council President.

The 2014-15 Council includes Vice President **Byron Chell, Bart Briefstein, Jerry Brule, Gus Daum, Linda Jensen, Gordon Nagai, Anne Niemiec, John O'Brien, Karen Seidel, Elaine Stewart, and Bobbi Webster.** 2013-14 Council President **Pam McClure Johnston** will serve as an ex-officio member of Council in 2014-15.

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Once Upon a Mountain: The Story of Jasper Mountain

Monday, Dec. 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
OLLI members have the opportunity to see the winner of Best Documentary Social Benefits from the 2013 Eugene International Film Festival. The film chronicles the Jasper Mountain School, a unique organization, treatment family, and a place of hope for children of abuse and neglect and those with serious behavioral problems. Since 1982, Jasper Mountain has provided successful programs that meet the needs of emotionally disturbed children and their families. K–8th. grade children from all around the United States reside at the school in Jasper, Oregon.

Janet Gielow, MA, began work at Jasper Mountain in 1991 and has served in a variety of administrative

roles. As director of operations she is responsible for administrative compliance requirements and writes grant proposals for Jasper Mountain.

Gielow grew up in California and obtained her undergraduate degree in English literature from Whitworth College in Washington and her MA from the University of Oregon in 1991. She will present this important 90 min. film and will be available to answer questions about this wonderful school.

Mythology of Northern Spain

Wednesday, December 10,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Dr. David Wacks, a medievalist and professor in the Romance Languages Department of University of Oregon will lecture on mythology of Northern Spain. Please fill in your calendars.

Wacks is associate professor of

Spanish at the University of Oregon. He received his PhD in Hispanic literatures from the University of California at Berkeley (2003). His research focuses on the literary footprint of the convergence of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism in medieval Iberia. He is author of *Framing Iberia: Frametales and Maqamat in Medieval Spain* (Brill, 2007) and *Double Diaspora in Sephardic Literature 1200–1550: Jewish Cultural Production before and after 1492* (Indiana University Press, at press). His research has appeared in *Bulletin of Spanish Studies*, *Journal of Arabic Literature*, *Sefarad*, *diacritics*, *eHumanista*, and elsewhere.

His current book project deals with medieval Iberian romances and the contest of the Mediterranean between Latin Christendom and Islam. He blogs on his current

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1 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 (CN)

2 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] *Understanding the World's Greatest Structures—The Glory of Rome in Arches and Vaults; The Rise and Fall of the Gothic Cathedral.* Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:00 p.m. Solutions [discussion group] *Cultured (Fermented) Foods.* Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

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

3 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations [discussion group] *Climate Change and World Power: The Middle East Water Crisis.* Presenter: John Attig (CN)

1:30 p.m. Peace Corps Series: South Africa [lecture] Presenter: Gary Cornelius (AK/MX)

4 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] *Are Infrastructure Projects Really "Make-Work" Programs?* Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

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

5 Friday

9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee Meeting
Chair: Betty Hosokawa (MX)

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

Noon—January Newsletter Submission Deadline

1:30 p.m. Author Presentation: 52 Life Lessons From Les Miserables [lecture] Presenter: Bob Welch (AK/MX)

8 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] *Science Wars: What Scientists Know and How They Know It.* 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. Once Upon A Mountain [film and discussion] Presenter: Janet Gielow (AK/MX)

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

9 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

1:00 p.m. Program Committee [meeting] Co-chairs: Carla Orcutt and Beate Galda (MX)

10 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Short Story Discussion [study group] "Criers and Kibitzers, Kibitzers and Criers" by Stanley Elkin and "The German Refugee" by Bernard Malamud. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

1:30 p.m. Mythology of Northern Spain [lecture] Presenter: David Wacks (AK/MX)

11 Thursday

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

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

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

12 Friday

9:30 a.m. Governing Council Meeting
President: David Kolb (MX)

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

1:30 p.m. Regional Planning in the Bear Creek Valley [lecture] Presenter: Innisfree McKinnon (AK/MX)

15 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. Pre-Holiday Movie [film screening] *Desk Set.* Introduced by Ruth Heller (AK/MX)

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

16 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] *Understanding the World's Greatest Structures—Three Great Domes—Rome to Renaissance; How Iron and Science Transformed Arch Bridges.* Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:00 p.m. Solutions [discussion group] *The U.N. Millennium Project.* Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

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

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17 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations

[discussion group] U.S. Allies: The Drug Lords. Presenter: John Attig (CN)

1:30 p.m. Eugene Opera Preview: *The Elixir of Love*

[lecture] Presenters: Andrew Bisantz and Mark Beudert (AK/MX)

18 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Is the United Nations Effective? 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)

19 Friday

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

1:30 p.m. Winter Holiday Party [social] Presenter: Brooke Cagno (AK/MX)

22 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] *Science Wars: What Scientists Know and How They Know It*. 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)

23 Tuesday

1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *The Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

24 Wednesday

No OLLI-UO Programming Scheduled

25 Thursday

UO Closed Christmas Holiday

26 Friday

UO Academic Extension Holiday Closure

29 Monday

No OLLI-UO Programs Scheduled

30 Tuesday

No OLLI-UO Programs Scheduled

31 Wednesday

No OLLI-UO Programs Scheduled

Locations

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

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

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research at <http://davidwacks.uoregon.edu>

Regional Planning in the Bear Creek Valley: Conflict, Cooperation, and the Future

Friday, December 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Southern Oregon has a long tradition of political independence and resistance to statewide rules and regulations. In this lecture, **Dr. Innesfree McKinnon** discusses how this independent streak has played out in conflicts over farmland conservation and urban growth in Jackson County, Oregon. Since the 1990s, residents, farmers, and local leaders have been working to create a regional plan for the rapidly growing Bear Creek Valley, which includes Medford and Ashland. But finding agreement among disparate groups, including real estate developers, environmentalists, farmers, elected officials, and rural landowners has been anything but easy. This lecture will discuss the development of local approaches to land use planning, how farmland conservation has impacted farmers in the region, and what localization is likely to mean for the future of land use in and beyond the region.

Dr. McKinnon recently received her PhD in geography from the University of Oregon. She also has an MA in geography/landscape architecture from the University of California at Davis.

Special Screening: *Desk Set*

Monday, December 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

There are a handful of Hollywood features that aren't "holiday films," but the significance of the holiday season

is an important part of the storyline or setting: George Cukor's 1933 version of *Little Women*, *The Apartment*, Billy Wilder's wry portrait of office and sexual politics in 1960s Manhattan, and *Desk Set*, Henry and Phoebe Ephron's 1957 story of the computerization of a TV network's research department.

This year OLLI invites you to a special pre-holiday screening of *Desk Set* featuring Katherine Hepburn as the head of the network research department, Spencer Tracy as the computer engineer, Gig Young playing the slick, Don Draper-esque network executive who's dated Hepburn's character for years, and Joan Blondell as Hepburn's wise-cracking second in command. Join us for a fun afternoon at the movies, a few days before the OLLI Winter Holiday Party.

Eugene Opera Preview

Wednesday, December 17, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Andrew Bisantz, Music Director, and **Mark Beudert**, Executive Director of the Eugene Opera will give us an inside look at the romantic opera the company will present on New Year's Evening and January 4, *The Elixir of Love*. The opera features a magic love potion, slapstick comedy, and lovely music as well as accomplished young singers.

Anyone who has seen these two musicians in action will agree that their presentations are casual, informative, and great fun.

Winter Holiday Party

Friday, December 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the beginning of the winter season with lovely music

and tasty snacks. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great afternoon.

We are fortunate to have a soprano from the Eugene Opera, **Brooke Cagno**, who will be singing Christmas music for us—she is a professional singer with much experience and recently starred in an opera afternoon at the Very Little Theater. We will also have a carol sing-along with **Phyllis Villec** at the piano.

Coming to OLLI-UO:

OLLI Film Series Takes December Hiatus

The OLLI Fall Film Series, From Page to Screen ended in November, and we will take a break in December, before a new film series, featuring outstanding cinema from other countries, begins in early January 2015. Look for films from Japan (*Rashomon*), Australia (*Walkabout*), France (*Au Revoir Les Enfants*), the United Kingdom (*Waking Ned Devine*), India (*Monsoon Wedding*) and more. The complete list of films and their scheduled screening dates will be available in the January edition of *The Oregon Sage*.

Please note, the OLLI Film Series will continue to screen films on Monday afternoons, but beginning with this new series in January, we are moving the start time to 1:00 p.m. This will give us more opportunity to discuss the films and still get you out earlier in the afternoon.

See you at the movies!

Eugene/Springfield

Shakespeare in Ashland

Join us as we travel to Ashland in March for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to see three plays: *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Pericles*, and *Guys and Dolls*.

We will travel by Experience Oregon motorcoach and stay at The Stratford Inn one night. The dates and costs of our travel will be available in early December.

When this information is announced, be sure to make your reservation by calling Experience Oregon at 541-342-2662 after January 1, 2015. Please remember that your reservation is not secured until Experience Oregon receives your payment.

If you have any questions, please call OLLI at 541-346-0697 or email them at osher@uoregon.edu. You may also call OLLI-UO/OSF trip coordinators Barbara Siebold at 541-344-0661, or Larry Leverone at 541-344-3144.



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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, first,
second and third weeks.

3:45 p.m. French Language, first,
second and third weeks.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and
Nonfiction: second week.

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science

1:00 p.m. Solutions: first and third
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

Short Stories Discussion: second
week.

Thursday

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

News and Views: second week

Noon Poetry Writing: third week

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation:
second week.

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation:
weekly

Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish:
first, second and third weeks.

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option for membership fees when the
new fiscal year began on July 1, 2014:
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your credit or debit card. This direct
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affordable way to pay your member-
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deduction. Members choosing this
option may request that the payments
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