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### CENTRAL OREGON—Information Technology from Babylon to Bend

Tuesday, November 10, 1:30–3:30 pm

Join OLLI-CO on a journey that follows the development of writing and transmission of knowledge from earliest times to the present. The talk begins with the development of writing in ancient Sumer, in Southern Mesopotamia, in the fourth millennium BCE and ends in Bend, Oregon, circa 2015.

Former OLLI member and presenter **Richard Hanstad** examines how, why, and where writing began and its evolution from rudimentary pictures and symbols into complex systems. The logic and technology behind various systems are explored. Photos from around the world illustrate the differences and similarities between writing systems that developed in diverse locations.

The presentation then explores electronic storage and communication of information beginning with the invention of the telegraph, and including a brief history of the development of the computer and the Internet.

Hanstad illustrates the subject with examples from his private collection, which includes:

- An antique Chinese book written on strips of bamboo laced together as used before the invention of paper

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### EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Brown Bag Opera

Monday, November 2, Noon–1:30 p.m.

Grab your lunch and join us for your own reviews of October's operas and a preview of one of the most dramatic operas in the repertoire, Berg's *Lulu*, live in HD.

**Phyllis Villec** facilitates.

### Utopian Communities of 16th Century Mexico

Wednesday November 4, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

In the course of history there have been many designs for ideal communities around the world. Two of the most famous have been Plato's *Republic* and the *Utopia* of Thomas Moore, which was first published in 1517. It is not certain whether Moore intended his *Utopia* to be implemented. Enter a Spanish lawyer named Vasco de Quiroga. In 1519–1521 Hernan Cortes—with a small group of Spaniards and around 50,000 Indian allies—conquered the mighty Aztec empire, which was then placed under the rule of Spain. Almost immediately, cruelty and corruption set in. Emperor Charles V sent a commission to investigate the situation among the empire, which was Vasco de Quiroga. Quiroga was impressed

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# Central Oregon



## OLLI-CO President's Message

The **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 12:15 p.m. at the UO Bend Center after the morning history class. An update on

Council activities and budget will be presented followed by a question-and-answer period. Additionally, the results of the electronic balloting for new Council members will be announced. All members are encouraged to attend. The Annual Holiday Party will take place one week later on Wednesday, October 16, at 12:15 p.m., following the history class.

### Governing Council Nominations

Throughout September and October, the Council has acted as a nominating committee to draft nominations for the 2015–2016 Council and receive nominations submitted by the membership. Current Council member **Elisabeth Farwell** will be serving the second year of her second term. Council members **Pat Ackley** and **Steve**

**Hussey** will be serving the second year of their first term. Council member **Jim Hammond** is completing his first term and is nominated for a second term. **Linda Redeker** was appointed to the Council last February and is nominated for a first term. Members **Richard Jenkins**, **Jeff Nelson**, and **Joyce Pickersgill** are newly nominated for Council. Current Council President **Bill McCann** is not seeking re-election but will serve on the Council as past President ex-officio, per the bylaws.

Elections will be conducted via electronic balloting between November 16 and December 4. Members will receive instructions on the electronic balloting shortly. Balloting results will be calculated by OLLI-UO staff and verified by two Council members who are not up for election. The newly seated Council will elect its officers at the December meeting. Any member may also make nominations to the Council by submitting a written nomination to the Council prior to November 16. A nominee must agree in advance to serve and must be present at the Annual Meeting.

**Bill McCann, Council President, Central Oregon**

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- Cambodian and Burmese books written on sections of palm leaf
- A Tibetan full-page carved wood block printing master plate
- Samples of papyrus sheets used for writing
- An Ethiopian codex, a book with a simple binding as used before modern book binding techniques were developed
- A facsimile page from the *Book of Kells*

Join Richard and OLLI-CO on this journey through time, language, and technology.

### Testing the Greenland Ice Sheet

Monday, November 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

From April to June 2015, CIRES PhD researcher Mike MacFerrin led an international team of colleagues on a six-week snowmobile and airplane traverse across the Greenland ice sheet. During the project, dubbed "FirnCover," the team installed a network of instruments and took direct samples of how Greenland's snow and subsurface firn are responding to a rapidly changing climate. These measurements will play a crucial role in accurately interpreting satellite analyses of the world's largest ice sheets and glaciers. Follow the FirnCover team as they camped in subzero temperatures and hurricane force winds

while crossing one of the most beautiful, remote, and unforgiving landscapes on Earth.

Presenter **Darren Hill** served as the team's vital technician, combining the duties of mechanic, data manager, and photographer/videographer to round out the team's responsibilities. He hails from Bend, where he runs several businesses, including the IT support company PC Friendly. Darren shares the journey in this OLLI-UO presentation.

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## **High Times: The Grass You Don't Have to Mow**

Monday, November 2, 1:30–3:30 p.m.,  
UO Bend Center

Monday, November 9, Field Trip

Tuesday, November 10, Field Trip

As of October 1, residents can legally purchase marijuana products without a prescription. In this continuing series, “High Times” seeks to enlighten our members about the ramifications of this legislation.

One of the most important impacts on our community is the changing legal and law enforcement environment resulting from the passage of Measure 91. In the fourth session, Deschutes County District Attorney **John Hummel** will discuss the current legal status and challenges facing law enforcement and the D.A.’s office to help us understand these changes. There will be time for questions and comments following Hummel’s talk.

On November 9 and 10, the class takes a field trip to Top Shelf Medicine, a Bend cannabis dispensary. Members will meet at the dispensary at 9:00 a.m., prior to the shop opening its doors to the public. Registration for the visit to Top Shelf is open first to participating class members; nonparticipants may sign up if space is available. Sign up during the High Times class or call the UO Bend Center office.

High Times Panel: **Linda Charny, Steve Hussey, Burt Litman, Mike McAllister, Bill Sugnet, and Terry Schwab**

## **First Tuesday Lunch at Greg’s Grill, Old Mill**

Tuesday, November 3, noon

If you are looking for an opportunity to get to know your friends from OLLI

outside of the classroom, there’s no better time than at the First Tuesday Lunch. Held each month, the lunch is an informal occasion for conversation and connection. Reservations are required so that we can accommodate attendees. To make your reservation, e-mail coordinator Harlie Peterson at [harliepete@hotmail.com](mailto:harliepete@hotmail.com).

## **Nonfiction Book Group**

### ***The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad**

Tuesdays, November 3 and 17  
10:00 a.m.–noon

After living for three months with Kabul bookseller Sultan Khan in the spring of 2002, Norwegian journalist Seierstad penned this astounding portrait of a nation recovering from war, undergoing political flux, and mired in misogyny and poverty.

As a Westerner, she has the privilege of traveling between the worlds of men and women, and though the book is ostensibly a portrait of Khan, its real strength is the intimacy and brutal honesty with which it portrays the lives of Afghani living under fundamentalist Islam. Seierstad also expertly outlines Sultan’s fight to preserve whatever he can of the literary life of the capital during its numerous decades of warfare (he stashed some 10,000 books in attics around town).

Seierstad, though only 31, is a veteran war reporter and a skilled observer; as she hides behind her burqa, the men in Sultan’s family become so comfortable with her presence that she accompanies one of his sons on a religious pilgrimage and witnesses another buy sex from a beggar girl—then offer her to his brother.

This is only one of many equally shocking stories Seierstad uncovers. In another, an adulteress is suffocated by her three brothers as ordered by their mother.

Seierstad’s visceral account is equally seductive and repulsive. An international bestseller, it will likely stand as one of the best books of reportage of Afghan life after the fall of the Taliban. (*Publisher’s Weekly* ©2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.)

Facilitator: **Susan Groszkiewicz**

## **Page-turners Fiction Book Group:**

### ***Lila* by Marilynne Robinson**

Tuesday, November 10,  
10:00 a.m.–noon

Marilynne Robinson returns to the town of Gilead in an unforgettable story of girlhood lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder.

Lila, homeless and alone after years of roaming the countryside, steps inside a small-town Iowa church—the only available shelter from the rain—and ignites a romance and a debate that will reshape her life. She becomes the wife of a minister, John Ames, and begins a new existence while trying to make sense of the life that preceded her newfound security.

Neglected as a toddler, Lila was rescued by Doll, a canny young drifter, and brought up by her in a hardscrabble childhood. Together they crafted a life on the run, living hand to mouth with nothing but their sisterly bond and a ragged blade to protect them. Despite bouts of petty violence and moments of desperation, their shared life was laced with moments of joy and love. When Lila arrives in Gilead,

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## 2 Monday

**1:30 p.m. High Times: the Grass You Don't Have to Mow** [lecture series, session four of four] Facilitator: Linda Charny, et al. (UOBC)

## 3 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group** [book group] *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad. Facilitator: Susan Groszkiewicz (UOBC)

**Noon—Round Table Luncheon—Greg's Grill in the Old Mill District** [social] For reservations, contact Harlie Peterson, 541-593-2015 or harliepete@hotmail.com. Space is limited.

## 4 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Cultural and Human Geography** [DVD study group] *Urbanization: The Rise of New World Cities and Geography of Language*. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. New Member Orientation** [welcome event] Facilitators: Burt Litman and Linda Redeker (UOBC)

## 5 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc** [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. A New History of Life** [DVD study group] *The Forgotten Fossils in Earth's Story and Introduction to the Great Mass Extinctions*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 9 Monday

**9:00 a.m. High Times Culmination: Visit to Top Shelf Medicine** [field trip] Facilitators: High Times panel (off-site, 8th and Greenwood, Bend)

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**10:00 a.m. Page-turners Book Group** [book group] *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson Facilitator: Deb Hollens (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Information Technology from Babylon to Bend** [guest lecture] Presenter: Richard Hanstad (UOBC)

## 11 Wednesday

**Veterans Day—No OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Programs Scheduled**

## 12 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc** [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. A New History of Life** [DVD study group] *The Collapse of Earth's First Eden and Making the Break for Land*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 13 Friday

**10:00 a.m. Membership Committee** [monthly meeting] (UOBC)

## 16 Monday

**1:30 p.m. Testing the Greenland Ice Sheet** [guest lecture] Presenter: Darren Hill (UOBC)

**All Day—Electronic Voting for OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Council Begins**

## 17 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group** [book group] *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad. Facilitator: Susan Groszkiewicz (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. Program Committee** [monthly meeting] (UOBC)

## 18 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Cultural and Human Geography** [DVD study group] *Understanding Cultural Geography and The Importance of Place*. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

## 19 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc** [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

**1:30 p.m. A New History of Life** [DVD study group] *Getting a Backbone—The Story of Vertebrates and The Evolution of Jaws*. Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

## 20 Friday

**10:30 a.m. OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Governing Council** [monthly meeting] (UOBC)

# Central Oregon

**23 Monday**

**No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon  
Programs Scheduled**

**24 Tuesday**

**No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon  
Programs Scheduled**

**25 Wednesday**

**VO Bend Center Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

**26 Thursday**

**VO and OLLI-VO Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

**27 Friday**

**VO and OLLI-VO Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

**30 Monday**

**No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon  
Programs Scheduled**

## **Locations**

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

## **Key**

VOBC = VO Bend Center  
TBA = To Be Announced

## **Parking at the VO Bend Center**

OLLI-VO members and their guests may use the shopping mall parking spaces adjacent to the VOBC 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.

OLLI attendees needing accessible parking may use the designated space in front of the Duck Store.

During the winter months, OLLI members and their guests may park in the Duck Store lot if snow and ice have not been plowed from the shopping mall parking lot.

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# Central Oregon

## Learning Circle

### Monthly Schedule

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-turners Fiction

Group: second week.

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group:

first and third weeks.

Noon First Tuesday Luncheon at

Greg's Grill in the Old Mill District

#### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Culture

and Human Geography: weekly.

#### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc: weekly.

1:30 p.m. A New History of Life:

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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she struggles to reconcile the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with the gentle Christian worldview of her husband, which paradoxically judges those she loves.

Revisiting the beloved characters and setting of Robinson's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Gilead* and *Home*, a National Book Award finalist, *Lila* is a moving expression of the mysteries of existence. (Amazon.com)

Facilitator: **Deb Hollens**

### Digging for Dinosaurs in Mongolia's Gobi Desert

Tuesday, December 1, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

In July 2014, **Martha Lussenhop** was invited to join a group of students and faculty associated with the Webb School's Ray Alf Museum in California to hunt for dinosaur fossils in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia. The photos show group members hunting and excavating dinosaur bones at sites, including the Flaming Cliffs—where Roy Chapman Andrews and his team from the American Museum of Natural History first found dinosaur bones and eggs in the 1920s.

The presentation also includes glimpses of urban and nomadic life in Mongolia today with the adoption of modern means of transportation and communication. The country's long and complex history will be touched on, highlighting today's renewed influence of Genghis Khan following the end of Soviet rule in the early 1990s. The Soviets had systematically suppressed historical, religious, and artistic traditions. Now, as a new democracy is evolving, the old traditions are being fully expressed again in athletic events and cultural arts

festivals, and these are also depicted. Although dinosaur bones are still being found in Utah and other western states, their wealth in Mongolia, coupled with traveling to the other side of the earth to an unfamiliar land with its own rich history and culture, makes the trip especially compelling.

Martha has a BA in anthropology and an MS in zoology from the University of Wisconsin. Paleontology was her specialty with a master's thesis on a collection of 35 million-year-old fossil mammals from Montana. Her first "real" job was in the Education Department of the Field Museum of Natural History as the geology instructor, designing and leading programs for school groups on rocks, geologic processes, and prehistoric life. Because dinosaurs were the highlight of tours and workshops, she gained new understandings of how fossil bones can reveal an animal's physiology and behavior, as well as anatomy. After retirement, she moved to Sisters, Oregon, where she volunteers for the Deschutes Land Trust, including leading tours on preserves for children and adults. In 2010, Martha and Larry Price traveled to Patagonia and visited sites where some of the largest carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs were discovered.

Join Martha at OLLI-UO for this dinosaur Armchair Traveler presentation.

**A Special Thank You to All OLLI-UO Member-Leaders**  
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# Eugene/Springfield



## OLLI-ES President's Note

In October I attended the opening reception for the university museum's new exhibit of exceptional modern Japanese prints.

In the large crowd it was difficult to stay still, and since this was my first visit, I felt pressured to see all.

Three days later, I was one of four people in the large gallery, and my mind was drowsy, tired from a busy day. I was able to look long minutes at a particular print I had passed by on the first visit thinking "oh, one of those." I found myself drawn into its striking visual rhythms and color movements. I watched it move. After a while the print sent me to another, 50 feet away, and then another. In an hour I looked at six prints. Because I was not alert enough for my usual labeling and evaluating, I saw fewer prints but more art.

I was taught a lesson in the gallery. I shouldn't be too quick to categorize, contextualize, and evaluate works of art. It's good to experience without worrying about background, history, and tradition. True, it's then important to deepen the experience in another way with context and relation to other works. But first we should be quiet enough that the work might call to us.

This works with ideas and questions, too. I can go to a lecture at OLLI as I went to that gallery opening. Some ideas flash by and I have an immediate reaction, "that's nice," "I know that already," or "that's not for me" or "it's interesting, but leave it to specialists." I have been informed, but I haven't yet thought. As with artworks, I need to give ideas and questions a chance to call to me. If I don't let everyday expectations and settled opinions drown out that call, I may find myself unexpectedly changed.

I might want a more intense understanding, reading more, or discussing with other people who feel the call. I might set up an informal lunch with other persons, in OLLI's newly available mid-day times. Just as one Japanese print led me to notice another, one idea or question might lead me to another, and then, as I get to know them, discover their context and history.

My advice is to make some quiet space so an artwork or a question can call you to wonder. Don't let that call be silenced in the rush of familiar events and "normal" thoughts.

**David Kolb, OLLI-UO in Eugene-Springfield Council President**

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by the native culture and disgusted by the Spanish rule. He read a copy of *Utopia* and was convinced that this was a solution for native communities.

In the 1530s Quiroga founded—mostly at his own expense—two idealistic communities: Santa Fe de Mexico, just outside of Mexico City, and Santa Fe de la Laguna in the state of Michoacan about 200 miles west of Mexico City on the shore of Lake Patzcuaro. He subsequently became bishop of Michoacan and used his power in defense of the natives. At his death in 1565, the communities were thriving and survived in

their communistic form until Mexican political reforms of the mid 19th century.

**Klaus Galda** of OLLI-UO and **Mariana Diaz** of the National Autonomous University of Mexico will present a lecture on Quiroga's utopian communities. Galda has a philosophy background and Diaz is finishing a master's degree in architecture.

### **All Member Meet and Greet!**

Monday, November 16,  
Noon–1:00 p.m.

You are invited to our first OLLI-UO meet and greet.

Bring a lunch or a snack and join

your OLLI friends and meet members you haven't been able to talk with at other OLLI events. We will provide the coffee and tea. Please do join us!

### **The Origin of Flight: A Paleontologist's Perspective**

Tuesday, November 17,  
2:00–4:00 p.m.

A perplexing and controversial aspect of the study of flight is the question of how and why flight evolved among the creatures of Earth.

Dr. **William Orr** (Professor Emeritus Geological Sciences, University of Oregon) will give a presentation that

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# Eugene/Springfield

## 2 Monday

**9:30 a.m. Creative Writing Critique** [study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

**Noon—Brown Bag Opera** [interest group] Facilitator: Phyllis Villec (CN)

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

**3:30 p.m. French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

## 3 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD study group] The World's Greatest Geological Wonders: A Montage of Geologic Mini-Wonders; Planetary Wonders —Out of this World. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK/MX)

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

## 4 Wednesday

**9:30 a.m. International Relations** [discussion group] Topic TBA. Facilitator: John Attig (CN)

**12:30 p.m. Utopian Communities of Sixteenth Century Mexico** [lecture] Presenters: Klaus Galda and Mariana Diaz (AK/MX)

**2:30 p.m. New Member Gathering** [social] Hosts: Betty Hosokawa and Joanne Wallace (MX)

**3:00 p.m. James Tiptree Jr., "The Women Men Don't See" Part Two** [short course, session two of three] Instructor: Carol Stabile (CN)

## 5 Thursday

**11:30 a.m. Thinking Allowed** [discussion group] Addiction: Treatment, Training, or...? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

**1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions** [study group] "Encounter" by Roy Jacobsen and "The First Day" by Edward P. Jones, from *The Art of the Story: An International Anthology of Contemporary Short Stories*. Ed. D. Halpern (1999). Facilitator: Shiela Pardee

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

## 6 Friday

**9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee** [monthly meeting] Co-chairs: Wende Hitchcock and Betty Hosokawa (BZ)

**11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish** [study group] Contact Facilitator: Carolyn Roth, for additional information, 541-342-6745 (off-site)

## 9 Monday

**9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon** [study group] Questions of Value. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

**11:45 a.m. Solutions** [discussion group] Fascism, Socialism, and Communism, etc. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

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

**1:00 p.m. The Struggle for Justice In America** [film series] *All the King's Men*. Introduced by Craig Starr (AK/MX)

**3:30 p.m. French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

## 11 Wednesday

**9:30 a.m. Program Committee** [monthly meeting] Co-chairs: Carla Orcutt and Beate Galda (MX)

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group] Title TBA. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

## 12 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. News and Views** [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

**Noon—UO Common Reading: Station Eleven** [study group] Facilitator: David Kolb (CN)

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

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## 15 Sunday

**6:00 p.m. Dining with Friends** [interest group] Contact Bart Briefstein for additional information, letterstone@gmail.com (off-site)

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**Noon—All Member Meet and Greet** [social] (MX)

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

**1:00 p.m. Oregon's Main Street: Highway 99** [lecture] Presenter: Jo Brew (AK/MX)

**3:30 p.m. French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)



# Eugene/Springfield

## 17 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Science**  
[DVD study group] New Topic TBA  
Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK/MX)

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Paleontologist's Perspective**  
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**1:00 p.m. Armchair Traveler: Bhutan and  
Nepal** [lecture] Presenter: Wende  
Hitchcock (AK/MX)

**3:00 p.m. Dipping Into the Digital World  
Follow-up** [exploratory session]  
Facilitators: Gordon Nagai and Jan  
Moursund (AK/MX)

## 19 Thursday

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Facilitator: Gloria Wells (CN)

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

**3:30 p.m. French Language** [study group]  
Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster  
(CN)

## 24 Tuesday

**1:30 p.m. The Thanksgiving Story**  
[lecture] Presenter: Helene-Carol  
Brown (AK/MX)

## 25 Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. Historical Novels** [book group]  
Title TBA. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt  
(CN)

**11:00 a.m. Governing Council** [monthly  
meeting] President: TBD (MX)

## 26 Thursday

**UO and OLLI-UO Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

## 27 Friday

**UO and OLLI-UO Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

## 30 Monday

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

**1:00 p.m. The Struggle for Justice  
In America** [film series] *The  
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*.  
Introduced by Howard Schuman  
(AK/MX)

**3:30 p.m. French Language** [study group]  
Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster  
(CN)

## Locations

All meetings are 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:

OLLI-UO Eugene Springfield  
1277 University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403-1277

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

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## 31 Tuesday

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Science** [DVD  
study group] New Topic TBA.  
Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK/MX)

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will evaluate the fossil record of flying organisms and provide tangible evidence from that record supporting theoretical perspectives. These organisms include insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. Attention will be given to how each group goes about developing the remarkable talent of flight. During his visit, he will take us on a distant and adventure-filled journey through time to establish the earliest creatures that can be identified as birds, and explore the many evolutionary pathways that have led us to a greater understanding of the progression of flight that we observe today. The exploration will be accompanied by numerous and stimulating visual supports.

Professor Orr is considered one of Oregon's premiere paleontologists, having written extensively on the geology and paleontology of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. He took his PhD at Michigan State and retired from the UO after 30 years in 1997. Orr is still the director of the Oregon Museum of fossils (the Condon collection) and with his wife Elizabeth, has written a score of books on Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, history, geology and paleontology.

## **Armchair Traveler:**

### **Bhutan and Nepal**

Wednesday, November 18,  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Wende Hitchcock** spent the last week of March of this year in Bhutan and the first two weeks of April in Nepal.

Such a wonderful adventure!

Hitchcock invites you to learn about her travels and see some of the photographs and videos taken during those three fabulous weeks. The horrendous earthquake in Nepal happened 11 days before she left. She has already made arrangements to return to Nepal on April 1, 2016. We hope you are able to attend to learn about this wonderful journey.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, the UO Academic Extension offices wanted to take a moment and express our thanks to everyone who helps make OLLI-UO such a wonderful program.

## **Other November Events**

Plans for a number of November events were finalized after the November newsletter was compiled. Please check the schedule on pages 8-9, and the weekly eminders for more information on these sessions.

## **To All OLLI-UO Members, Thank You!**

There is a lot of work that goes into the programs that we all know and love, and a lot of it happens behind the scenes. The council and committee members of both OLLI-UO sites meet monthly to discuss and problem solve, plan and debate what is best for the program and all of you. The Program Committees track down and line up presenters and presentations, plan trips and tours; they schedule and scheme to make OLLI-UO great. The Councils invest a lot of energy and time because, like you, they love learning and the community that OLLI-UO provides.

Next, we want to recognize and acknowledge the time and efforts of OLLI members who are at the head of the class. You see them there, leading discussions, providing handouts, sharing their knowledge, and facilitating your learning experience; they prepare, days, weeks, even months in advance. Their extra efforts show, and we appreciate all that they do.

And finally, we would like to say thank you to OLLI-UO Program Director Ruth Heller. She toggles her attention seamlessly between two sites—Eugene and Bend—and works tirelessly to ensure the program is a success. If you've corresponded with Ruth, you know that e-mails will show up in your inbox at odd hours; there is no question of her dedication.

Following you will find a list of members\* who serve on committees, facilitate classes, plan and lead field trips, present lectures, and help make OLLI-UO a vibrant program. If you see them in the halls between classes, please stop and say thank you.

—Sandi Hanna,  
Registration Specialist

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## CO Member Volunteers

<b>Bill McCann,</b> Council President	<b>Council Members</b> Pat Ackley	Barbara Jordan	<b>Facilitators, Presenters, and Lecturers</b> Pat Ackley	Barbara Jordon
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	Alexa Dellinger	Cal Pulis	Jim Hammond	Robb Reavill
	Jeanne Freeman	Linda Redeker	Bob Harrison	Jerry Roslund
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		Donald Trask	Steve Hussey	Linda Shaw
		Margaret Young		Larry Weinberg
				Margaret Young

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			Dennis Lawrence	
			Larry Leverone	

\* Some members' names will be missing from the list because they have opted out of sharing their information. However, not being listed has no bearing on our gratitude for their contributions to OLLI-UO.

## Learning Circle

### Monthly Schedule

#### Monday

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Writing Critique: first and third weeks
- 9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon: second and fourth weeks
- 11:30 a.m. Solutions: second and fourth weeks
- 12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish: weekly
- 3:30 p.m. French Language: weekly

#### Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. Understanding Science: first, third, and fifth weeks
- 3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading: first and third weeks

#### Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. International Relations: first and third weeks
- 10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and Nonfiction: second and fourth weeks

#### Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Classics/Philosophy: first Thursday (starting November 5)
- 9:30 a.m. News and Views: second and fourth weeks
- 9:30 a.m. Poetry Writing: third week
- 11:30 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first and third weeks
- 1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions: first and third weeks
- 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, off site

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#### New Payment Option for OLLI-UO Memberships

OLLI-UO rolled out a new payment option for membership fees last year: recurring monthly installments from your credit or debit card. This direct payment plan offers a convenient and affordable way to pay your membership fees through direct withdrawal deduction. Members choosing this option may request that the payments be made at either the beginning or end of each month.

For more information, please contact the OLLI-UO membership office at [osher@uoregon.edu](mailto:osher@uoregon.edu), or call the office 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday–Friday: 800-824-2714 or 541-346-0697 (in Eugene-Springfield).

#### Weekly Reminders

Course updates and reminders are e-mailed to OLLI-UO Central Oregon members on Friday afternoons. The weekly reminders highlight the coming week's events. The e-mail sender is: University of Oregon Academic Extension, and the message subject line reads: UO OLLI -CO Weekly Reminder.

If you are not receiving weekly reminders and would like to be included in future e-mail announcements, please contact the OLLI-UO Membership/Academic Extension Office at 800-824-2714, or [osher@uoregon.edu](mailto:osher@uoregon.edu)