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One Belt One Road, an Aerotropolis, and Chinese Outward Foreign Direct Investment

Monday, September 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Three aspects of China’s ambitious global aspirations are featured in this timely presentation by **Dr. Susan Walcott**, a Eugene member of OLLI-UO and a geography professor at the University of North Carolina. Part one of this presentation focuses on the policy also known as the “Belt and Road Initiative,” officially announced in March 2015, which seeks to construct land and sea connections between China and its trading partners across the Eurasian continent and Africa as a revived and expanded new Silk Road.

Part two focuses on how this economic expansion involves reconfiguring a city in central China as a key air freight link to convey Chinese manufacturing to Europe and the U.S., using the concept of “aerotropolis” as an airplane-centric urban area.

Part three profiles the types, locations, and effects of current Chinese investment in the U.S. This previously published work reflects Dr.

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Around the World in Five-Minute Stops

Wednesday, September 6, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

OLLI-UO members share five-minute presentations, similar to travelogues, on a particular international experience. They offer personal impressions while providing facts about the country, such as its geography, population, history, culture, political and economic system.

All members are welcome to attend this International Relations session.

Dining for Women

Monday, September 11, noon–1:00 p.m.

Chapter leader **Nicki Maxwell** will discuss Dining for Women, an international organization dedicated to transforming lives and eradicating poverty among women and girls in the developing world. Founded in 2003, Dining for Women funds grassroots organizations that empower women and girls and promote gender equity. Maxwell said she will

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OLLI-CO Editor's Note

In the June/July edition of AARP magazine, there was an interesting article entitled, "Planning to Live to 100? Volunteer!"

Here are some excerpts I found applicable to OLLI-UO:

"In science labs all over the world, researchers are exploring ways to delay the effects of aging and extend our years of healthy life."

Volunteering is one way.

"A growing body of research tells us that those who volunteer have lower mortality rates and less depression, along with a greater sense of control over one's life and higher rates of self-esteem and happiness."

"The obvious payoff is the social good done...but

donating one's time to benefit others has deep individual value as well."

"Findings indicate that—in general—the older the volunteer, the greater the personal benefits of volunteering."

So one of your favorite activities in life—OLLI—needs you! Your help is needed to make the organization thrive. Several areas of need at the present time are: a need for writers to handle publicity for the classes such as writing fliers; office work helping the talented but time-limited staff; a Hospitality Chairperson as our wonderful Chair, Terry Schwab, is stepping down after four years.

I am throwing out a challenge: write and tell me what you like doing, and I will write back and let you know where in our OLLI community you could put that skill or interest to work. Then we will meet in person and make it happen.

Suzanne Butterfield,
Central Oregon Newsletter Editor

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Walcott's research in China over several decades, following rapid development changes in this global giant.

Facilitator: **Pat Ackley**

Please note: This lecture will be held at **Bend Parks and Recreation Riverbend Park Community Room**, 799 SW Columbia Street, Bend. Preregistration is not required.

Final Summer Documentary: East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem (2014)

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Come see the last of this summer's fabulous documentaries. Preregistration is not required.

Facilitators: **Burt Litman** and **Jeanne Freeman**

Redefining Reality: The Intellectual Implications of Modern Science

Tuesdays, starting September 12, 1:45–3:45 p.m.

No subject is bigger than reality itself, and nothing is more challenging to understand, since what counts as reality is undergoing continual revision and has been for centuries.

The quest to pin down what's real and what's illusory is both philosophical and scientific. At its core, it is nothing less than the metaphysical search for ultimate reality that goes back to the ancient Greeks. And for the last 400 years, this search has been increasingly guided by scientists, who create theories and test them in order to define reality and then

redefine it as new theories replace old. In biology, psychology, economics, and many other fields, defining reality is a task that needs frequent updates.

Scientists and philosophers are not alone in grappling at an intellectual level with reality. Some of the most accessible interpretations of reality are by painters, novelists, filmmakers, and other artists, whose works not only draw on the latest discoveries but also sometimes inspire them. Professor Steven Gimbel, includes examples in practically every lecture, such as Alice in Wonderland, pointillism, cubism, and surrealism, and reality TV.

Since dealing with reality is an experience we all share, this 12-week course based on The

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Great Courses series is designed for people of all backgrounds. No prior training in science or philosophy is assumed. Furthermore, the richness of Professor Gimbel's presentation assures that even those who have studied this problem in depth will find new connections and unexpected insights.

From the birth of the universe to brain science, award-winning Professor of Philosophy Steven Gimbel of Gettysburg College, shows that separating the real from the illusory is an exhilarating intellectual adventure. (from *The Great Courses*)

Course Manager: **Russ Hopper**

Preregistration is not required for this series.

Foundations of Eastern Civilization

Wednesdays, starting September 13, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

How did Eastern civilization—particularly that of China, Korea, Japan, and the nations of Southeast Asia—develop? What do we know about the history, politics, governments, art, science, and technology of these countries? And how does the story of Eastern civilization play out in today's world of business, politics, and international exchange?

In this *Great Courses* DVD series, Dr. Craig G. Benjamin, Associate Professor of History at Grand Valley State University, covers an impressive amount of ground, from the emergence of early cultures 10,000 years ago to the booming economies of the 21st century. We begin fall term's

exploration in China with a consideration of the diverse geography of this, the third-largest nation on earth. We follow the evolution of the Chinese dynasties and their political and philosophical ideas—Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism—and also look at the Silk Roads that led to extraordinary levels of cultural exchange.

Winter term (beginning in January), we plan to offer the second half of the course, exploring the history and cultural development of Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia, and returning to China under the Song dynasty, before the Mongols arrived to disrupt the flow of Eastern civilization. As China loses sovereignty to Western powers, we follow Korea and Japan's complex relationship with each other—and the rest of the world—into the 20th century.

Course Manager **Pat Ackley**, will facilitate the sessions, along with other Central Oregon members.

Registration required and opened prior to the printing of this newsletter. Call the OLLI-UO office to see if there is still space.

2017–2018 Film Series Kicks Off

Monday, September 18, 1:30–4:00 p.m.

Course Manager: **Bonnie Campbell**, kicks off the 2017–2018 Film Series. Bonnie will preview the films selected with you.

The first one up is *The Searchers* (2 hours).

The Searchers is a 1956 American Technicolor VistaVision Western film directed by John Ford,

based on the 1954 novel by Alan Le May, set during the Texas–Indian Wars and starring John Wayne as a middle-aged Civil War veteran who spends years looking for his abducted niece (Natalie Wood), accompanied by his adoptive nephew (Jeffrey Hunter).

Since its release, it has come to be considered a masterpiece and one of the greatest and most influential films ever made. It was named the greatest American western by the American Film Institute in 2008. (Description taken from IMDB.)

Facilitator: **Bonnie Corley**

Annual Summer Potluck: “Oktoberfest”

When: Sunday, September 24
Time: noon–2:00 p.m.

Location: Ponderosa Park Shelter, 225 SE 15th St. Bend, OR 97702
Details on signing up for the potluck will be sent via e-mail. We will be asking for a \$5 contribution per person to help cover costs for the main dish and site rental. For questions or more information, please contact Terry Schwab at 650-619-0300 or terry_schwab@yahoo.com

Study Group Updates

Writers' Bloc meets every week at its new time: Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m. at the UO Bend Center. **Carolyn Hammond** continues as Course Manager; any members are welcome to attend.

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1 Friday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

4 Monday

All VO Offices Closed in Observance of
Labor Day Holiday

5 Tuesday

Noon—Round Table Luncheon—
Moose Sisters [social] For
reservations, contact Barbara
Jordan, 541-385-6935, or bjordan@
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6 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. **East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem**
[film series] Facilitators: Jeanne
Freeman and Burt Litman (VOBC)

7 Thursday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

8 Friday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

11 Monday

10:15 a.m. **Page-turners Book Group**
[discussion group] *Death of a
Nationalist* by Rebecca Pawel.
Facilitator: Joyce Pickersgill
(VOBC)

12:30 p.m. **Membership Committee**
[monthly meeting] Chair: Linda
Redeker (VOBC)

2:00 p.m. **One Belt One Road, an
Aerotropolis, and Chinese
Outward Foreign Direct
Investment** [lecture] Presenter:
Susan Walcott (Riverbend
Community Room)

12 Tuesday

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

1:45 p.m. **Redefining Reality** [DVD study
group] *Metaphysics and the
Nature of Science; Defining Reality*.
Facilitators: Russ Hopper, et al
(VOBC)

13 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. **Foundations of Eastern
Civilization** [DVD study
group] *Journey to the East; The
Geography of China*. Facilitators:
Pat Ackley, et al (VOBC)

14 Thursday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

15 Friday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

18 Monday

10:15 a.m. **Nonfiction Book Group**
[discussion group] *Eruption* by
Steve Olsen. Facilitator: Steve
Hussey (VOBC)

1:30 p.m. **Understanding, Enjoying, and
Interpreting Film** [study group]
The Searchers. Facilitator: Bonnie
Corley (VOBC)

19 Tuesday

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

1:45 p.m. **Redefining Reality** [DVD study
group] *Quantum Consciousness;
Defining Reality in the Life
Sciences*. Facilitators: Russ Hopper,
et al (VOBC)

20 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. **Foundations of Eastern
Civilization** [DVD study group]
*Early China and Mysterious
Xia; The Coming of the Shang*.
Facilitators: Pat Ackley, et al
(VOBC)

1:00 p.m. **OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Governing Council** [monthly
meeting] President: Steve Hussey
(VOBC)

21 Thursday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

22 Friday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon
Programming

24 Sunday

2:00 p.m. **Annual Summer Potluck:
Oktoberfest** [member social]
Coordinator: Terry Schwab
(Ponderosa Park Shelter)

25 Monday

10:15 a.m. **Nonfiction Book Group**
[discussion group] *Eruption* by
Steve Olsen. Facilitator: Steve
Hussey (VOBC)

12:30 p.m. **Program Committee** [monthly
meeting] Chair: Helen Pruitt
(VOBC)

26 Tuesday

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

1:45 p.m. **Redefining Reality** [DVD study
group] *Genes and Identity; The
Birth of Psychology*. Facilitators:
Russ Hopper, et al (VOBC)

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27 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Foundations of Eastern Civilization [DVD study group]
The Shang and Writing for the Gods; The Zhou and the Mandate of Heaven. Facilitators: Pat Ackley, et al (UOBC)

28 Thursday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon Programming

29 Friday

No OLLI-VO Central Oregon Programming

Locations

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

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UOBC = UO Bend Center
TBA = To Be Announced

Parking at the UO Bend Center

OLLI-VO members and their guests may use the shopping mall parking spaces adjacent to the UOBC 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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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:15 a.m. Nonfiction Book: second week.

1:30 p.m. Understanding, Enjoying, and Interpreting Film: third week.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc

Noon—First Tuesday Luncheon at Moose Sisters.

1:45 p.m. Redefining Reality: weekly, starting September 12.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Documentary Film Series: first week.

9:30 a.m. Foundations of Eastern Civilization: weekly, starting second week.

1:30 p.m. Understanding, Enjoying, and Interpreting Film: third weeks.

We welcome member proposals for study or discussion groups! Share your interests and expertise with other members or explore a new topic together. Contact the OLLI-UO office, or the Central Oregon Program Chair, if you're interested in proposing or leading a new group.

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Page-turners Fiction Book Group

Monday, September 11,

10:15 a.m.—noon

September selection: *Death of a Nationalist* by Rebecca Pawel
Publishers Weekly gives *Death of a Nationalist* the following review:

“The immediate aftermath of the Spanish Civil War provides the bleak setting for Pawel’s stirring first novel. Madrid in 1939 is filled with bomb craters, desecrated churches and nearly abandoned streets. The hatreds and atrocities shared by the Nationalists (supported by the fascists) and the Republicans (supported by the Communists) still simmer and erupt in sporadic violence. Pawel is unsparing in her depiction of the casual brutalities spawned by the war, but also offers evidence of the power of little civilities and kindnesses in a novel that easily transcends the formulaic crime story.”

Facilitator: **Joyce Pickersgill**

Nonfiction Book Group

Mondays, September 18 and 25,

10:15–11:45 a.m.

September selection: *Eruption* by Steve Olsen

Goodreads.com provides this description of *Eruption*:

“Author Olsen tells of the powerful economic and historical forces that influenced the fates of those around the volcano on a Sunday morning, including campers, scientists, and loggers. The eruption of Mount St. Helens revealed how the past is constantly present in the lives of us all. At the same time, it transformed volcanic

science and the study of environmental resilience. Rich with vivid personal stories of lumber tycoons, loggers, volcanologists, and conservationists, *Eruption* delivers a spellbinding narrative built from the testimonies of those closest to the disaster.”

Facilitator: **Steve Hussey**

Starting in October, the nonfiction book group meets the first and third Mondays of the month (October 2 and 16).

Looking Ahead

Alexander the Great: Legend and Reality—Part II

Monday, October 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

For those who attended the first part of Bob Harrison’s lecture series about Alexander the Great, get ready for another fascinating look at this incredible Macedonian King. If you missed Part I, here is your chance to join the adventure. A brief review will precede this final lecture.

Alexander was tutored by Aristotle, the greatest teacher that money could buy. His father, Philip of Macedon, had conquered the Greek city states and was building an empire, but he divorced Alexander’s mother and had another child. Alexander, most likely implicated in his father’s murder becomes king.

In Part II, Alexander conquers the vast Persian Empire in three battles and seeks to unite Greek west with the Persian east. He forced all of his generals to marry Persian wives. He himself married

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OLLI-ES Editor's Note



My decision to retire took about 30 seconds. Discontent and the promise of a livable pension coalesced in one glorious moment.

The decision of where to retire took longer, however.

It had to be in the West, preferably in a state without passive income tax, which left only Washington, Nevada and Texas. Washington is all right, I suppose, but clearly I needed to rethink the taxation thing. Ultimately, the prospect of living in this beautiful, active, and tolerant city overcame my reluctance to live in a passive income tax state.

Then along came April 15, and I saw what my tax debt to Oregon would be. Fortunately, defibrillation was not required.

Sometime later, I was at the coast in one of our superior

state parks, watching the waves pummel the dark bluffs, stretching on for miles without an eyesore in sight. No condominium complexes, no beach shacks, no dwellings on stilts marching up the hillsides. Ahh, I realized, taxation is worth it to preserve our scenic coastline from development. The coast (a great portion of it, at least), the parks, the libraries, infrastructure, emergency services, schools. Yes. It's worth it.

Thanks to my awakened awareness of the need to support those things we value, I was thrilled recently to receive a request for a donation to help support our very own Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oregon, Eugene-Springfield. Simply put, OLLI must begin to pull more of its own weight at the UO, and we members should expect to share in that opportunity to preserve the programs we know and love. Thank you if you have already submitted your donation. If you haven't, it's never too late.

Judy Johnston, Eugene-Springfield Editor

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explain the organization's funding model, program selection process, the makeup of the Board, involvement with Peace Corps' Let Girls Learn, how to start a chapter, as well as travel and leadership opportunities.

Free Lunch with Annual All-Member Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, noon-2:00 p.m.

No such thing as a free lunch? Wrong! Your Eugene-Springfield Council President is hosting one during the 2017 all-member meeting. Come and enjoy a catered

buffet while socializing with OLLI friends, old and new.

The business meeting should interest you as well. The agenda includes updates on learning programs and membership activities, reports on finances and marketing communications, and the election of new Council members.

Don't miss this important once-a-year event. All OLLI-UO members (Eugene-Springfield) are invited and welcome, but we need a head count for the caterers, so please RSVP by September 7. Please make reservations by phone, 541-346-0697; or in person at the Academic Extension office,

Suite 110, in the Baker Downtown Center.

History in Context—The 1960s

Tuesdays, September 19 and September 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Times were definitely 'a-changin' in the 1960s...sometimes imperceptibly, but more often with the subtlety of an avalanche. OLLI will take a long look at that turbulent decade as Kirk Taylor and Livvie Taylor-Young present the next two chapters in their History in Context series.

Complete with live and recorded music and more than 500 authentic photos, the scripted

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4 Monday

UO and OLLI-UO Holiday Closure—
Labor Day

5 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. **Understanding Science** [DVD study group] Archaeology—An Introduction to the World's Greatest Sites—King Tut's Tomb; How Do You Excavate a Site? Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose (AK/MX)

6 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. **International Relations** [discussion group] Around the World in 5-Minute Stops. Co-Facilitators: Bill Taliaferro and Randall Donohue (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. **Interpretive Play Reading** [study group] Facilitators: Iona Waller and Jack Bennett (CN)

7 Thursday

9:30 a.m. **Poetry on Wheels: Writing and Speaking** [study group] Facilitator: Charles Castle (PT)

11:45 a.m. **Thinking Allowed** [discussion group] How to save Endangered Species. Interim Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

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

3:15 p.m. **Italian Language** [study group] Facilitator: Lee Altschuler (BZ)

8 Friday

Noon—October Newsletter Submission
Deadline

11 Monday

9:30 a.m. **Philosophy Salon** [study group] Philosophy of Mind: Brains, Consciousness, and Thinking Machines Perception—What Do We Really See? Presenter: Patrick Grim. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

11:45 a.m. **Solutions** [discussion group] Election Reform. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

Noon—Lunch and Learn: “Dining for Women” Program Background and Projects [brown bag presentation] Presenter: Nicki Maxwell (MX)

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

1:30 p.m. **With a Song in my Heart: Great Hollywood Musicals** [film series] *Funny Face*. Introduced by Craig Starr (AK/MX)

3:15 p.m. **French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

12 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. **Program Committee** [monthly meeting] Chair Steve Koller (CN)

13 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. **Historical Novels and Nonfiction** [book group] *To Capture What We Cannot Keep* (fiction) by Beatrice Colin. Facilitator: Joyce Churchill (PT)

Noon—Annual General Membership Meeting (AK/MX/CN)

14 Thursday

9:30 a.m. **News and Views** [discussion group] Group Facilitated (CN)

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

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

3:15 p.m. **Italian Language** [study group] Facilitator: Lee Altschuler (BZ)

18 Monday

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

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

Noon—Meditation Series [short course] Facilitator: Janice Friend (MX)

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

3:15 p.m. **French Language** [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

19 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. **Understanding Science** [DVD study group] Archaeology—An Introduction to the World's Greatest Sites—Discovering Mycenae and Knossos; Santorini. Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose (AK/MX)

2:00 p.m. **History in Context—The Sixties** [lecture series, session one of two] Presenters: Kirk Taylor and Livvie Taylor-Young (AK/MX)

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20 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. International Relations

[discussion group] A Little Diplomacy, A Little War: the U.S. in West Africa. Co-Facilitators: Bill Taliaferro and Randall Donohue (AK/MX)

1:30 p.m. The Baroque World, Part 1: Italy

[lecture series, session one of four] Presenter: Helene-Carol Brown (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading

[study group] Facilitators: Iona Waller and Jack Bennett (CN)

21 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Poetry on Wheels: Writing and Speaking [study group]

Facilitator: Charles Castle (PT)

11:45 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group]

Do we need a New Constitution? Interim Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions [study group]

"On This Side" by Yuko Sakata and "Gifted" by Sharon Solwitz from *The Best American Short Stories of 2016*, edited by Junot Díaz. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group]

Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

3:15 p.m. Italian Language [study group]

Facilitator: Lee Altschuler (BZ)

25 Monday

9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group]

Is There a Right to Healthcare? Presentation and discussion with attorney and medical ethics expert Byron Chell. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow, and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

11:00 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee [monthly meeting]

Co-Chairs Julie Jessal and Antonia Lewis (BZ)

11:45 a.m. Solutions [discussion group]

Self-Driving Cars. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

Noon—Meditation Series [short course]

Facilitator: Janice Friend (MX)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group]

Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. With a Song in my Heart: Great Hollywood Musicals [film series]

West Side Story. Introduced by Howard Schuman (AK/MX)

3:15 p.m. French Language [study group]

Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

26 Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group]

The Temple of the Golden Pavilion by Yukio Mishima. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

2:00 p.m. History in Context—The Sixties [lecture series, session two of two]

Presenters: Kirk Taylor and Livvie Taylor-Young (AK/MX)

27 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and Nonfiction [book group]

To Capture What We Cannot Keep (fiction) by Beatrice Colin. Facilitator: Joyce Churchill (CN)

11:00 a.m. Governing Council [monthly meeting]

President Randall Donohue 1:30 p.m. Plato's Symposium, Part 1 [lecture series, session one of four] Presenter: David Kolb (AK/MX)

28 Thursday

9:30 a.m. News and Views [discussion group]

Group Facilitated (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group]

Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group]

Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

3:15 p.m. Italian Language [study group]

Facilitator: Lee Altschuler (BZ)

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
PT = Patagonia Room
TBA = To Be Announced

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PowerPoint documentary will cover everything from Camelot to the Counter Culture to contentious battles over the Viet Nam war. Richly nostalgic, yet painfully realistic, the retrospective will also recall: the decade's struggles for Civil Rights, LGBT Rights, and Women's Liberation; analyze how the growing impact of television permanently altered American politics and entertainment; and explore the decade's wide spectrum of music from the Folk Renaissance to the British Invasion.

Whether you're too young to remember the '60s first-hand, or old enough to recall the decade's challenges, accomplishments, and indefinable blending of laughter and tears, hope and despair, this is a program not to be missed. Together, we'll relive three presidential elections, shed tears over tragic assassinations, witness riots, and join protest marches while, in the same timeframe, bask in the Summer of Love, rejoice over the birth of Sesame Street and its amazing residents, cheer the debut of the Super Bowl, share incredible triumphs like the moon landing, and meet movie folks like Butch Cassidy, Mary Poppins, and Mrs. Robinson.

If all this doesn't pique your curiosity, come anyway. We guarantee you'll enjoy two thought-provoking, delightful afternoons.

A Little Diplomacy, A Little War: The U.S. in West Africa

Wednesday, September 20,
9:30–11:30 a.m.

OLLI-UO's Bill Taliaferro recently spent two months as chief of the political section in the U.S. Embassy in Niger. This country has a little of everything: ISIS, Boko Haram, al-Qaeda, corrupt government, mineral riches, post-colonial exploitation, and grinding poverty. Taliaferro will talk about the surprising urgency of U.S. diplomatic and military engagement in the second poorest country in the world.

All members are welcome to attend this International Relations session.

The Baroque World, Part 1 of 4

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

Lights... Camera... Action.

Welcome to the Baroque World!

Have you seen *The Night Watch* by Rembrandt? Do you know the political intrigue behind this famous painting? How about the *Conversion of St. Paul* by Caravaggio? Why does the horse take up most of the picture? Why does the *Ecstasy of St. Theresa*, a sculpture by Bernini, make one try to walk around the back of the work, or touch the drapery? And what does the Protestant Reformer Martin Luther have to do with any of it?

No art is more dramatic, theatrical, or intense than Baroque Art. It is full of exaggerated lighting, dynamic movement, and

emotional persuasion. It positively demands your full attention, and often your physical movement around it. The artists of the Baroque Era, (primarily the 17th-century), produced some of the most famous and complex paintings, sculptures, and buildings of all time. Even the rooms that held such art, ("camera" means room or chamber in Latin) were bastions of layered complexity and opulent texture.

We will begin a study of the Baroque World with a look at Italian Baroque. We will then examine French Baroque in October, Spanish Baroque in November and the Baroque art of Flanders and the Netherlands in December. Learn the back stories of the most famous artists and their even more famous creations. Join us for a look behind the works to meet the artists themselves: Bernini, Caravaggio, Carracci, Poussin, Lorrain, Le Brun, Velasquez, Zurbaran, Murillo, Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Hals, and Vermeer.

Presented by
Helene-Carol Brown

Is There a Right to Healthcare?

Monday, September 25,
9:30–11:30 a.m.

The Philosophy Salon will host a special presentation and discussion with attorney and medical ethics expert Byron Chell on this question. Chell says, "We are hearing a lot about this 'rights' declaration these days but what does such an assertion mean? We will explore the issues raised by the assertion of such a right in the

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attempt to determine whether it is correct and whether it helps the cause for universal coverage.” Chell is one of the regular facilitators of the group and also the author of *Aid in Dying the Ultimate Argument: the Clear Ethical Case for Physician Assisted Death*. As always at the Philosophy Salon, all are welcome.

New Day and Time for the Classics/Philosophy Learning Circle

Tuesday, September 26,
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The Classic/Philosophy Learning Circle, which meets once a month, is moving to a new day and time. We will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In September and October, we will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to avoid two already scheduled afternoon events. Starting in November we will meet from 1:30–3:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesdays.

The book we will be discussing in September is *The Temple of the Golden Pavilion* by Yukio Mishima. At the September meeting we will also be choosing books for the coming months. Please bring your suggestions for books or topics to the September meeting and/or send them to Susan Walcott at smwalcot@gmail.com

Plato’s Symposium, Part 1

Wednesday September 27,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

What is love? Does it make the world go round? Are there higher and lower kinds of love? The ancient Greeks debated such

questions intensely, and their most exciting presentation is in Plato’s dialogue *The Symposium*. This tells of a drinking party where each guest gives a speech in praise of love from a different point of view. Near the end Socrates opens up a mystical path from sexual love to Absolute Creative Beauty. Then the party ends in a drunken revel. In this short course we will read the dialogue together, discussing issues raised by our encounter with Greek ideas about love and sex.

The course will meet four times. On September 27 and October 4: the first five speeches, with the theme “Which Gender of Love is Best?” Then on October 25 and November 1: the other speeches, with the theme “Love Beyond Sex”.

Plato’s *Symposium* is about as long as Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*. Older translations tend to be more stilted but they’re all usable. For this course, **David Kolb** will use the translation by Alexander Nehamas and Paul Woodruff, which is available for under \$10 online or in print from Amazon, AbeBooks, and other dealers. Reliable translations by Benjamin Jowett and by Seth Benardete can be found for free online.

Betty Hosokawa Retires as Membership chair

Betty Hosokawa recently retired as chair of the membership committee of OLLI-UO, Eugene-Springfield. Betty was an active volunteer at OLLI since shortly after she retired from Lane

Community College in 2004. Moving on to the next phase of her life, she also knew “the best way to get to know people was to get involved” as a volunteer, she said. She began by volunteering for both the Activities and Travel and Membership committees.

“Then Earl Hain, Bob Bechtold, and Corine Hunt invited me out to coffee and asked me to chair Membership since the current chair was retiring,” she said. “Note: there are no free cups of coffee in OLLI when someone invites you out,” she adds, laughing.

The two aspects Betty enjoyed best about her OLLI volunteer experiences were those where she got to know other people better and was able to make “the various offerings of OLLI more accessible, particularly to newcomers.” She said she will miss “the richness of OLLI programming.”

Betty said she will continue volunteering in her new environment, a senior retirement community in Portland, where she also intends to continue to be a life-long learner. She looks forward to getting back into art classes and working at her community’s plant store. “Three different kinds of [art] classes should keep me off the streets and out of mischief, sort of!” she said.

Volunteers Needed

The Eugene-Springfield Membership Committee is looking for additional members to help in the committee’s work of welcoming new members and orienting

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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
- 11:45 a.m. Solutions: second and fourth
weeks.
- 12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish: weekly.
- 1:30 p.m. Film Series: second and
fourth weeks.
- 3:15 p.m. French Language: weekly.

Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. Understanding Science:
first, third, and fifth weeks
- 11:00 a.m. Classics/Philosophy: fourth
week.
- 11:45 a.m. Brown Bag Opera;
on summer hiatus.

Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. International Relations:
first and third weeks.
- 10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and
Nonfiction: second and fourth
weeks.
- 3:30 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading:
first and third weeks.

Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. News and Views: second and
fourth weeks.
- 9:30 a.m. Poetry on Wheels: first
and third weeks
- 11:45 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.
- 3:15 p.m. Italian Language: weekly.

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them to the program. The committee also hosts social activities for the members and assists in greeting visitors for our public events. Committee meetings are held at

the UO Baker Downtown Center, 9:30 a.m., on the first Friday of each month.

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Persian Princess Roxanne, then two additional Persian wives. Bob examines the rumors surrounding Alexander's death and explores his legacy.

For more information, Bob suggests viewing the YouTube BBC presentation "In Search of Alexander" before this lecture. It explains the geography of his exploits.

OLLI-UO member Dr. Bob Harrison, Fulbright Scholar, taught history at Southern Oregon University, and COCC. His previous OLLI courses have been on Islam, World

War I, Britain in the Middle East, and Imperial Russia.

Registration begins the third week of September and will be announced via e-mail. Priority will be given to members who attended the first presentation of the series.

Central Oregon: Nonfiction Book Group

October selection: *Dreamland* by Sam Quinone

Page-turners Fiction Book Group

October selection: *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

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