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Honorable Mention

A heartfelt thank you to the following OLLI members that helped make our November Open House a success: **Bob Clautice, Jane Dey, Garnet Fish, Carolyn Hammond, Jim Hammond, Jim Horton, Nancy Horton, Mort Perle, Helen Pruitt, Linda Shaw, Sachiko Simmons, Darlene Smith, Larry Weinberg, and Margaret Young.**

An OLLI-UO Workshop: The Writing Life

OLLI-UO will offer members an intensive writing workshop during winter term. The workshop will bring members from Central Oregon and Eugene/Springfield together via teleconferencing to examine the writing life from the perspectives of five writers—Ernest Hemingway, Annie Dillard, John Gardner, Francine Prose and Anne Lamott. They all seem to agree: Although the writing life is risky, dangerous, and impossibly difficult, it is nevertheless exciting and always worth the effort. Apart from discussing these authors' books—*A Moveable Feast*, *The Writing Life*, *On Becoming a Novelist*, *Reading Like A Writer*, and *Bird by Bird*—we'll commit to a daily habit of reading and writing.

We'll devote the second half of class to critiquing in-class writing exercises. We'll grapple with character, description, voice, tension, narrative arc, and other important issues of craft. We will be honest and rigorous in our advice, yet respectful and constructive. Writers at all stages of artistic development are welcome.



Your instructor, **Ryan Blacketter**, is an author whose short stories have appeared in *Image*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Clackamas Literary Review*, and *Other Voices*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, he is a recipient of a Haystack Writing Award and a Tennessee Williams Scholarship. He has received grants from Oregon Regional Arts and Idaho Humanities Council. His story collection, *Horses All over Hell*, was a 2006 finalist for the Bakeless Prize. Now he's at work on a novel.

Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m., beginning January 30, 2008

Workshop fee: \$60 per person; limited to fifteen participants. For further information, or to register, call (800) 824-2714.

Look inside the newsletter for information for two 2008 OLLI-UO travel opportunities: the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (March 1-2) and Alaska (July 4-15).

The *Joy of Science* DVD Study Group to start in January

English novelist and scientist C. P. Snow classed certain scientific ideas with the works of Shakespeare as something every educated person should know. One such idea, according to Snow, was the second law of thermodynamics, which deals with the diffusion of heat and has many profound consequences. He might well have added Newton's laws, the periodic table of elements, the double-helix structure of DNA, and scores of other masterpieces of scientific discovery. In The Teaching Company's *Joy of Science* series, Professor Robert M. Hazen introduces these and other great ideas in sixty lectures

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that explore the fundamental discoveries and principles of all of the physical and biological sciences—physics, genetics, biology, astronomy, chemistry, meteorology, thermodynamics, and more.

Beginning January 10, OLLI will begin offering Part I (lectures one

through twelve) of the series at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the Chandler Building. In Part I, Dr. Hazen begins by explaining the four-step cycle that defines the “scientific method” of knowing. He introduces you to five pivotal figures in early-modern science: Nicolas Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Johannes

Kepler, Galileo Galilei, and Isaac Newton. Astoundingly, during a single rural sojourn in 1665–66, Newton discovered calculus, many of the basic laws of optics, the three laws of motion, and the law of gravity. Newton’s discoveries unified the supposedly separate domains of terrestrial and celestial motions.

Upcoming Presentations

First Wednesday Recorded Lecture: Happiness: Living and Thinking About It

This lecture was presented at UC Berkeley earlier this year as part of the Charles and Martha Hitchcock Lecture program.

Daniel Kahneman is an internationally renowned psychologist whose work spans cognitive psychology, behavioral economics, and the science of well being. The Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology, Emeritus and Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs, Emeritus in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, Kahneman received the 2002 Nobel Prize in economics for his research with the late Amos Tversky, Ph.D., in the areas of judgment and decision-making under uncertainty. Their work helps explain irrational economic behaviors, for example, why is that people will drive to a distant store for a discount on a small item but not undertake a similar trip for the same discount on an expensive item. Kahneman has continued to tackle issues in human decision-making, he now focuses on the study of hedonics—what makes experiences pleasant or unpleasant—and the development of a scientific measure of well being. In one recent study examining money’s effect on happiness, Kahneman found that people with a relatively high income are barely happier at any given moment than those with a significantly lower income, shattering the age-old speculation that money buys happiness. Kahneman will also discuss a graph that shows “Life Satisfaction” versus years before and after marriage. It is interesting to consider its meaning.

Join us for this lecture and discussion. We’ll start 2008 by thinking about what may make the New Year a happy one for us all.

Wednesday, January 2, 10:00 a.m. (Chandler Building)

Russian Icons: Windows to Eternity

In Russia it is often said that icons are windows to one’s soul. Russian icons, painted with egg yolk and ground pigments, are one example of the many different types of icons that have been, and are being, painted throughout the world. Russian Orthodox iconography, created by monks in the sixth and seventh centuries A.D., is thought to have evolved from the late classical memorial pictures of the dead in the first and fourth centuries, a painting style typified by the mummy portraits of Fayum, Egypt. Studying and painting icons has become a fascinating hobby for OLLI member **Sue Blackford**; join her for an introduction to this captivating art form.



Thursday, January 17, 2:00 p.m. (BSC)

Armchair Traveler: Canadian Rockies to Maritime Provinces and Much More



OLLI member **Carolyn Hammond** says, "On July 3, 2007 we bid farewell to our home in Bend and took to the highways and byways of North America in our RV. For two months we moseyed across Canada, on and off the Trans-Canada Highway. From the Canadian Rockies to the Maritime Provinces we enjoyed beautiful scenery, delved into the history of Canada, and visited eight Canadian National Parks, many Provincial Parks, Canada's capital city, Ottawa, and French speaking Quebec. Re-entering the United States in Maine, we drove the famed Blue Ridge Parkway down the crest of the Appalachian Mountains to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We traveled from the green hills of Tennessee to the Black Hills of South Dakota and home through the open range of Wyoming and Idaho arriving in time for the colorful fall season on October 7." Carolyn will share her experience through slides and narration, in a session sure to inspire appreciation for this land of our neighbors to the north.

Thursday, January 24, 2:00 p.m. (BSC)



Water for Our World Series

Beginning in January, OLLI will offer a multi-session series on one of the world's most valuable resources—water. Speakers with different sub-specialties on the subject will discuss:

Water sources in Central Oregon

Managing water (Urban vs. Agricultural)

Water Law

Water Waste

Water resources (National and International)

The sessions scheduled for January are described below:

Seeing Things Whole, Bend and the Deschutes Basin—Water Use and Management

Patrick Griffiths

Tuesday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)

Great graphs, historical photos and statistics illustrate the big water picture, as **Patrick Griffiths** presents today's water use and management. He will also include a brief look at the City of Bend's water history and current situation. Patrick is the City of Bend Water Resources Coordinator.

Snow Surveys Related to Farmers' Yields

William Overman

Tuesday, January 15, 2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)

Among other issues, **William Overman** explains how snow surveys on snowmobile and snowshoe usage are relevant to farmers' yields the following summer. William is a Hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Additional sessions will be held in February and in March.

Film Series

Hosted by Larry Weinberg

The Shop Around the Corner

If you enjoyed the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan film, *You've Got Mail*, then be sure to put *The Shop Around the Corner* on your calendar. The Hanks/Ryan picture was based upon this 1940 delight starring Jimmy Stewart and Margaret Sullavan as feuding co-workers who, as anonymous pen pals, fall in love by mail. Come recall what epistolary romance was like before the internet!

Friday, January 11, 1:00 p.m.

Lawrence of Arabia, Part II

Lawrence of Arabia follows the actions of T. E. Lawrence as he helped the Arabs overthrow the Ottoman yoke during World War I. Part I of this long film was shown in December. Scholars argue whether Lawrence was a supreme egotist or a reclusive person who shunned the lime-light. Did he 'enjoy' a certain level of violence? He remains an enigma to this day. Whatever the truth about his personality, he helped unleash forces that continue to impact us today.

Friday, January 25, 1:00 p.m.

Both films will be shown in the Forum at the Terrace Lodge, Touchmark

A Touchmark map can be found at <http://touchmarkbend.com/tbor-SITE-MAP-BIG.htm>. Ask for directions to the Forum at the Terrace Lodge reception desk. Touchmark residents may join us to view and discuss the films.

Activities and Travel News

Ashland Bound

Registration is now open for the annual OLLI-UO trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. The trip will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2. While in Ashland we will see three great plays: August Wilson's *Fences*, *The Clay Cart*, and Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. On Sunday the group will gather at the Ashland Springs Hotel for a lecture by an OSF actor and a buffet lunch.

Trip prices will include OSF tickets, lodging, meals and transportation. Look for more information, including trip costs, in upcoming e-minders.

To register, call the OLLI-UO office (800) 824-2714, registration deadline: February 7.

Renewals, New Memberships, Questions

Renewals and membership application may be mailed to:

OLLI-UO, Central Oregon Site
1227 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1277

Or you may drop them by the OLLI-CO office:

1027 NW Trenton, Bend
Questions? Call Gail at
617-4663

OLLI-UO Alaska Excursion

Spend eleven nights in the heart of Alaska. Arrive in Fairbanks July 4, 2008. The adventure begins the next morning in Fairbanks and finishes Tuesday, July 15 in Anchorage. Ride a riverboat down the Chena River, visit the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline, enjoy a bus tour of the Denali National Park, ride the Alaska Railroad, tour Resurrection Bay, and more.

The cost of the tour is \$2950 and it includes:

- Educational programs entrance fees
- Transportation within Alaska*
- A full time coordinator
- All hotels
- Three meals a day
- All tipping

The University of Alaska Fairbanks will coordinate the trip for OLLI - UO. If you would like to join this cultural tour all you need to do is pick up a registration form at the OLLI-CO office and return the form with your \$500 deposit check or Visa/Mastercard payment to the OLLI-UO office in Eugene. **Call (800) 824-2714** for a full itinerary and trip details.

*Transportation to and from Alaska not included in tour costs.

CLOSURE

The UO will be closed **January 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Study, Discussion and Interest Groups

First Tuesday Social Luncheon

Due to the holiday, the luncheon group will not meet in January but will resume on the first Tuesday of February. To reserve a space, contact Gail at 617-4663 or gailm@uoregon.edu.

Contact: Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com

Book Discussion Group

Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

For January: *When They Severed Earth From Sky: How the Human Mind Shapes Myth*, by Elizabeth Wayland Barber and Paul T. Barber

Three meetings: January 8, 15 and 22.

Chandler Building

Contact: Ed Lee, edwinlee@alum.mit.edu

Discussing Science

meets the first and third Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

January 4 and 18: Topics TBA

Chandler Building

Contact: Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com

Dutch Masters: The Age of Rembrandt DVD Study Group

Meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

January 9: Daily Life in the Home; Music and the Studio

January 16: Jan Steen—Order and Disorder in Dutch Life; Pieter de Hooch and Quietude

January 23: Art in Delft; Johannes Vermeer, c. 1655-60

January 30: Johannes Vermeer, c. 1660-65; 1665-70

Chandler Building

Contact: Jim Hammond, drjhammond@oldshoepress.com

Joy of Science DVD Study Group

Meets Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

January 10: The Nature of Science; The Scientific Method

January 17: The Ordered Universe; Celestial and Terrestrial Mechanics

January 24: Newton's Laws of Motion; Universal Gravitation

Chandler Building

Contact: Bob Clautice, bclautice@bendbroadband.com

Thinking Allowed

Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

January 14 and 28: Topics TBA

Chandler Building

Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh

Thinking Allowed II at Touchmark

Meets the first and third Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

January 7 and 21:

Please bring a favorite quote.

Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village

Coordinator: Helen Vandervort, helenv@bendcable.com

Are You Receiving OLLI's Weekly Eminders?

Each week OLLI sends an e-mail with the following week's offerings and announcements. We have updated our format which includes color and underlined links which you can access by clicking on them. If you would like to receive these Eminders, give us a call with your e-mail address, or send us an e-mail at ctrinfo@uoregon.edu and ask to be added to our Emitter list.

UO and COCC Friday Distinguished Lectures

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Central Oregon presents: **The Economic Implications of Climate Change on Oregon and Washington**

Ed Whitelaw

Friday, January 25, 3:00 p.m.

Boyle Education Center, Room 155, COCC

Climate change is already affecting Oregon's economy, generating some benefits, but greater costs. Compelling scientific research predicts high probabilities that the negative effects will gradually intensify and an unknown probabilities that abrupt, severe impacts will occur with catastrophic results. Many of the effects involve changes in water resources: rising sea levels, increased flooding during winters, drier soils during summers, reduced quantity and quality of surface waters during summers.

How we allocate our water and related resources can affect the frequency and severity of these effects. Allocating our water and related resources among the competing demands for aquatic habitat, recreational opportuni-

ties, municipal-industrial water supplies, hydropower, and irrigation is, by definition, a classic economic challenge as well as, of course, classic scientific, engineering, political and rhetorical challenges.

Economic analysis combined with decision analysis reveals some of the high-priority steps we should take to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, prepare for the impacts of climate change, and rationalize our management of scarce water and related resources. Especially in the context of climate-change analysis recurs a valuable lesson, namely, relying on the ever-popular "scenario analysis" all too frequently ignores outcomes with small probabilities but large consequences.



Ed Whitelaw is president of ECONorthwest, an economic and financial consulting firm, and a professor of economics at the University of Oregon, where he has taught since 1967. He received his B.A. from the University of Montana and his PhD from M.I.T. Dr. Whitelaw specializes in applied microeconomics, the economic consequences of policy decisions, urban and regional economics, and resource and environmental economics.

OLLI is pleased to be a co-sponsor of this lecture.

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A New Membership Option in 2008

During fall term members of the Program and Membership Committees, the Council, and OLLI-UO staff have been developing initiatives to broaden OLLI-CO programming and to make program participation more appealing and accessible to the Central Oregon community. Longer-term members will recognize the growing number of courses, lecture series, and study groups available to OLLI-CO members. Our programming will continue to grow as new topics and course formats are introduced throughout the coming year.

In winter term we will introduce a new annual membership option that should appeal to those who prefer to “pay-as-they-go” because of frequent travel, seasonal residency, or busy lifestyles. The new option, or Silver membership, includes the monthly newsletter, and access to activities, socials and single lectures for one year. For an additional fee members who’ve elected this option will be able to purchase coupon books that can be used for admission to short courses, study groups and lecture series.

Gold memberships will also be available at the current rate. Members who select this option receive the monthly newsletter, access to single lectures, activities, and socials. As an added benefit, the Gold membership level also includes admission to short courses, study groups and lecture series. Current OLLI members will enjoy Gold membership privileges for the remainder of their membership year.

For all membership levels, OLLI-UO Trips and special courses (like The Writing Life workshop) require special fees specific to those activities. Registration and participation in these activities will be open to all OLLI members.

Look for more details on the new membership option in upcoming e-minders and in our February newsletter.

OLLI is a Cooperative Venture

OLLI is a cooperative, member-driven program and every member can play a role in helping the program succeed. The most essential contribution is participation—come to the events, groups and courses that appeal to you, and attend as regularly as your schedule allows!

If programming that interests you isn’t being offered make a suggestion. Suggestion forms are available at the OLLI-CO office and at all Open House gatherings. You can also make suggestions by contacting the Program Committee Chair or the OLLI office.

Short-term, behind-the-scenes opportunities are also available. For example, members could help with refreshments at one of the quarterly Open Houses or offer to help set up the BSC classrooms, assist the speakers, or help with member check-in—why not offer to lend a hand at a session you’re already planning to attend?

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Calendar of Committee Meetings

(All OLLI members welcome, meeting dates and times subject to change)

Governing Council Meeting

Friday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.

Program Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 1:15 p.m.

Hospitality

To volunteer to help with the February Open House please call Mort Perle, 388-3376 or Gail Merydith, 617-4663.

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