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## Honorable Mention

**Jim Paschall**, an always pleasant, soft-spoken southern gentleman, is the individual selected to be October's Honorable Mention designee. In his responsible position as the Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee he works behind the scenes to keep OLLI financially on track and fiscally operational. He keeps the membership informed about what is going on in the OLLI fiscal arena. We gratefully remember at recent Town Meetings how he was able to make the usually complicated presentation of the Annual Budget understandable to us all. In addition to his financial tasks, Jim and several other conscientious OLLI folks completely reviewed, revised and updated the OLLI Bylaws and Operational Procedures to make our organization run more smoothly; this was a meticulous task that took a considerable amount of time. And as if all the preceding tasks were not sufficient consumers of his personal time, Jim is also one of twelve members of the OLLI Governing Council. Jim, we thank you for your dedication to OLLI.

## Fifth Thursday Group

Some of the most successful OLLI (LIR) programs presented over the years have been subjects such as World War II and the Great Depression where members' personal experiences were integrated into the more formal presentations. The experiences of others often enriched and enlivened the subject matter because they so frequently sharply contrasted with our own experiences and perspective, and other factors occasioned quite different and unique reports. Most of the individual contributions were interesting to hear and on several occasions the programs didn't end as conversations continued long after the scheduled time had elapsed.

A new discussion group, the "5th Thursday Group" is being formed with this kind of interaction in mind. This group, a reinvention of a "retired" LIR discussion group called Extra Innings, will be held during the months containing a fifth Thursday. Our first official meeting will be **November 29, 10:00 a.m.–Noon, in the Canada room**. The subject for this discussion will be **War Years Experiences**. Anyone who wishes to take part is encouraged to come.

## Membership Directory Update

The OLLI office is beginning the process of updating the directory for the 2007–2008 membership year.

Our last directory was compiled in December of 2006; if you have changed your e-mail address or phone number please call the UO Continuing Education office at 541-346-0697 to update your listing. If you wish to opt out of the directory, please let us know that as well.

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## Upcoming Courses and Presentations

### Abject Martyrs: Filial Piety and the Question of Self in Late-Imperial China

Friday, October 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Filial piety, the obligations a child owes his or her parents, is central to Confucian values and the foundational moral value in imperial China. The child-parent bond was more important than any relationship in a man's life, including those with his wife or children. Indeed, the one area in which adult men in traditional China were encouraged to express extreme emotions was in the carrying out of filial devotions toward their parents.

Professor **Maram Epstein's** talk looks at the changing practices and social values associated with filial piety in late-imperial China (1450–1850), then looks at the range of filial practices that were honored as exemplary. Epstein will argue that the cultural value placed on filial piety was so high that filial martyrs fulfilled their sense of self through dedicating their lives to their parents. Recommended reading: *The Nativity Room* by the comedic writer Li Yu (1610–1680) copies are available in the OLLI-UO office.

### Dancing on the Edge—1843–2007: From the Oregon Territories to the Current State of Art

Tuesday, October 9, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Dance is a relatively recent subject of scholarly study, yet the University of Oregon offered courses in aesthetic dancing as early as 1911. The University created the nation's first School of Physical Education in 1920, and with it a dance specialization and dance courses required of all P.E. majors—first women, later for all majors.

Dogged pioneer efforts to include dance in the establishment of communities in rough and rugged settings brought forth both traveling and home-grown artists who took risks to, of all things, dance in Oregon in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Why? **Jenifer Craig's** presentation is the early part of a history of dance in Oregon within the changing cultural contexts of Eugene, Oregon, and the United States. Dr. Craig has been the Chair of the Department of Dance at the UO since 1992.

### “A Better House and a New Car”—American Landscape Images and Ideals

Wednesday, October 31,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Kenneth Helphand** is Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Oregon where he has taught courses in landscape history, theory and design since 1974. He is a graduate of Brandeis University (1968) and Harvard's Graduate School of Design (MLA 1972). He is the recipient of distinguished teaching awards from the University of Oregon (1993) and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (1997). Helphand has guest lectured at dozens of universities and is a regular visiting professor at the Technion—the Israel Institute of Technology. He is the author of numerous of articles and reviews on topics in landscape history and theory with a particular interest in the contemporary American landscape.



## Oceans and Seas Series

### **Amphibious Ships and Typhoons at Sea**

**Wednesday, October 3,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy did not have a single amphibian ship (a ship that could slide onto a beach for invasions). The U.S. Navy then built thousands of these ships of various types and manned them with men who had never been to sea. Keith McGilivray will tell this story of invasions in Europe and “the Pacific” by these men. Also, raw sea tales of their experiences in World War II.

### **The Heroic Age of Deep-Sea Exploration**

**Wednesday, October 10,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

**Craig Young**, Director of the UO’s Institute of Marine Biology, who spoke in July on deep-sea biology, will describe the historical context and events that led us to our present understanding of the subject by showing how Edward Forbes’ 1830 hypothesis that the deep sea is inhospitable and devoid of life was slowly debunked by isolated observa-

tions in Scandinavian Fjords, the Mediterranean Sea, the Antarctic, and the North Atlantic.

Craig will tell how individuals as unlikely as Charles Darwin and W.F.B. Morse (inventor of the telegraph) contributed to this debunking, and also recount stories of the great expeditions of Victorian England (HMS Porcupine, HMS Lightning and HMS Challenger), of post-civil war America (USS Blake and USS Albatross), and of the 1950s (the Danish Galathea expedition). He will also describe some of the earliest explorations of the deep sea by courageous and foolhardy men who sealed themselves in various underwater vehicles and went where nobody had dared to go before.

### **Underwater Archeology**

**Wednesday, October 17,  
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

OLLI Member **Klaus Galda** will provide an introduction for a film on recent breakthroughs and discoveries in the field of underwater archeology.

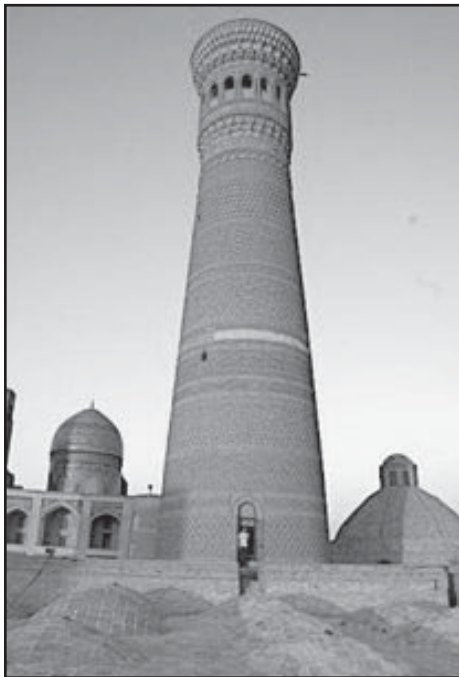
### **The Oceans’ Response to Global Warming**

**Wednesday, October 24,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Oceanic sediments record one of the longest and warmest global heating events in the Earth’s history. Dramatic changes in ocean chemistry produced extinctions of certain bottom-dwelling organisms, and the polar oceans were essentially ice-free. Sudden bursts of methane gas hydrates beneath the oceans’ margins may have produced these abrupt climactic changes and extreme oceanic conditions.

**Vern Kulm** compares the present global warming trend with these ancient warming periods to decipher the impact on sea level fluctuations, melting glaciers, rising temperatures, and greenhouse gas emissions. Melting ice caps modify the deep oceanic circulation that modulates the climates of nearby continental landmasses. The Arctic Ocean’s warming trend raises questions about the sovereignty of its potential oil and gas resources. Do these past climactic conditions predict the magnitude and duration of future climate trends?

## Armchair Traveler



### Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan: Travels in Central Asia

On **Thursday, October 4, at 1:30**, Armchair Traveler will present the first of two programs on a recent trip to the former Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. Inspired by the August 2006 talk here by UO professor emeritus Ron Wixman, several OLLI members joined him on a trip to Central Asia in June.

In this first program, **Beate Galda** will discuss and show photos illustrating the history, architecture and landscape on parts of

the Silk Road (Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand, and Tashkent) as well as the originally nomadic Kyrgyzstan areas of Bishkek and Lake Issyk-kul. Then don't miss Jan Moursund's more lighthearted November 1 Armchair Traveler presentation, in which you'll be taken to visit craftspeople, country people, and market places of these areas (including rides on camel- and donkey-back!).

**Thursday, October 4, 1:30–2:20 p.m.**

## Updated Fall Film Series Schedule

Some changes have been made to the Fall Film Series Schedule. The updated version of the schedule is available in the classroom or at the OLLI office.

The films for October are as follows:

**October 1: *Shall We Dance?***  
Directed by Massayuki Sudo, featuring Koji Yakusho, Tamiyo Kusakari, Naoto Takenaka, and Eriko Watanabe. This beautifully realized film of a middle-aged businessman who secretly yearns to break out of the rigid conformity of his daily life, encountering the world of ballroom dance.  
**Introduced by Steve Stone.**

**October 8: *Tampopo*** Directed by Juzo Itami, featuring Ken

Watanabe and Tsutomu Yamazaki. A funny original comedy-satire about one of everybody's favorite subjects—food.  
**Introduced by Howard Schuman.**

**October 15: *The Dinner Game***  
Directed by Francis Veber, featuring Thierry Lhermitte, Jacques Villeret, Francis Huster, and Daniel Prevost. A laugh-out-loud face (from the writer of *La Cage Aux Folles*) about a self-centered publisher who participates in a weekly ritual with his friends: to invite the stupidest person they can find to dinner. **Introduced by John Attig.**

The Activities and Travel Committee has arranged a 12:30 p.m.

luncheon to precede this movie. (See page 6 for details.)

**October 22: *The Cruel Sea***  
Directed by Charles Frend, featuring Jack Hawkins, Donald Sinden, and Denham Eliot. A well conceived documentary style account of British warship and its crew during World War II.  
**Introduced by Steve Stone.**

**October 29: *Being There***  
Directed by Hal Ashby, featuring Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine, Melvin Douglas, Jack Warden, and Richard Dysart. A childlike man manages to meet powerful and important people who interpret his bewildered silence as brilliance. **Introduced by John Attig.**

## Study and Discussion Groups

### Armchair Traveler

Meets first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. **For**

**October:** Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan: Travels in Central Asia, Beate Galda.

**Contact:** Gary Chenkin, 344-0292

### Books, Classics/Philosophy

Meets fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. **For October:** *The Birth of Tragedy*, Friedrich Nietzsche.

**Contact:** Paul Holbo, 344-0959

### Books, Historical

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. **For October:** *Hannah's Daughter*, by Marianne Fridriksson. For location and information contact: Beth Tucker, 349-8934 or Pat Johnson, 484-5370

### Creative Writing

Meets on the first Thursday of every month at Noon.

**Contact:** Vern Barkhurst, 434-4109

### International Relations

#### Discussion Group

Meets first and third Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. **For October 3:** To what extent will US national and foreign debts influence American foreign policy? **For October 17:** Does the US need a new foreign policy due to changes in world leadership?

**Contact:** John Attig, 686-1027

### Music Appreciation

Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. **For October 11:** Schönberg, Berg and the 12-Tone Method. **For October 25:** Twentieth-Century Masters.

**Contact:** Ella Petersen, 688-0854

### News and Views

Meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Discuss local, national and international current events

**Contact:** Gary Carter, 342-3059

### Playreading

Meets first and third Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Vern Barkhurst, 434-4109

### Poetry Writing

Meets third Thursday at Noon.

**Contact:** June Wyant, 344-0079

### Science Sampler

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Early birds, bring a lunch and join us at noon.

**Contact:** Jan Moursund, 485-8744

### Thinking Allowed

Meets first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. **For October 4:** What about Iraq? **For October 18:** Is our infrastructure maintainable?

**Contact:** Chuck Adams, 343-1442

### Understanding Science

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

*Science in the 20th Century* video lecture series and discussion

**Contact:** John O'Brien, 461-9100

### Visual Artists Group

Meets second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Martin Sage, 342-3174

### Foreign Language Conversation and Study Groups

#### German

Meets weekly Monday, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

**October 1, 8, 15, and 22:** Exploring German

**October 29:** German Conversation

**Contact:** Susanne Ettinger, 349-9299

#### Spanish

Meets weekly Thursday, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Richard Leinaweaver, 687-6798

#### Beginning Spanish

Meets weekly Friday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Bonnie Fromhold, 686-0107

## Activities and Travel News



A historic view of Harrisburg

### Visit Junction City's Historic Homes, Harrisburg Museum, and Detering Orchard

An exciting tour of Junction City's historical homes, the Harrisburg Museum, and Detering Orchards has been planned for Thursday, October 11.

The bus will leave from Shopko parking lot on Coburg Road on at 9:15 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$25 which includes transportation and museum entry. Please bring along your own brown bag lunch.

**Call Experience Oregon at 342-2662 for reservations. For more information about the trip contact trip coordinator, Barbara Smith 343-0232.**

### Lunch and A Movie

Join us on **October 15, at 12:30 p.m.** for Lunch and a Movie. Lunch will be soup and salad. After lunch the film feature will be *The Dinner Game*, directed by Fancis Veber and starring Thierry Lhermitte, Jacques Villeret, Francis Huster, and Daniel Prevost.

**To reserve your place for lunch call the OLLI Office at 346-0697. Cost of the lunch is \$8 per person; pre-payment is preferred, personal checks, VISA/Mastercard, or cash are accepted. If paying with cash, please bring the exact amount.**

### International Holiday Tea

The Activities & Travel committee is planning a festive international tea. Each table will feature a different country. Our committee is sending an invitation to OLLI members to help with this special event. Help us transform our basic tables into things of beauty. We'll need tablecloths, decorations, and so on. Of course, we'll enjoy sampling finger foods from these various countries. Entertainment will be needed,

too. The Holiday Tea will be held on **Friday, December 21, 2007.** This will be a little different format than our usual Winter Solstice party.

The planning meeting for this fun time will be a brown bag lunch at **11:30 a.m. on October 31**, here at the Baker Downtown Center. Please come and bring your ideas and suggestions. Several people with articles from the same country could decorate one table. Let's make this a beautiful and memorable occasion. For further information call Meribeth Olsen, 342-5190.

### Eugene Opera

Eugene Opera's new production of *The Magic Flute* features an exciting cast of young international singers and two Eugene-connected stars. Andrew Wilkowske who was the Major-General Stanley last year, is Papageno; Korean soprano Eun-Hee Kim, winner of Eugene Opera's first Belle Voci National Vocal Competition, sings Pamina. If you would like to attend the matinee performance on **Sunday afternoon, December 30**, please sign up in the classroom or call Hazel Jones, 345-7812. She will be able to purchase tickets after October 1.

## OLLI Committee Leadership

The membership elects a representative Council with responsibility to manage various aspects of the program with the support and direction of the UO Continuing Education staff.

### Governing Council, 2006–2007

At present, the Council consists of the following:

- Flo Alvergue
- Jim Branvold
- Jim Brooks\*
- Mary “Pat” Hennelly\*
- Arnold Ismach\*
- Joanne McAdam
- Meribeth Olsen
- James Paschall
- Sally Smith\*
- Ray Staton
- Louise Wade\*
- Richard Winters\*

\*Council Term ends October 2007

Other committees include Curriculum, Finance, Membership, Promotion and Awards, and Activities and Travel. Membership on any committee is open to all members of the OLLI program.

#### Curriculum Committee

Ray Staton, Chair

#### Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee

Beverley Thomas, Chair

#### Activities and Travel Committee

Carolyn Rayborn, Chair

#### Budget and Finance Committee

Jim Paschall, Chair

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## NEWS ITEMS

### Parking Permits

As the new school year begins our student parking lot will be patrolled more frequently. This may result in increased ticketing of vehicles that do not have a yellow hang-tag parking permit or those with permits that are either improperly displayed or that have expired. Please check your permit to make sure that the dates are current and that the permit is hanging from your rearview mirror so that it can be read through the front windshield of your vehicle.

Also, please be aware that it is the UO Department of Public Safety rule that parked cars must be pulled forward into the parking space. Vehicles backed into parking spaces may receive parking citations.

If you need an updated permit, please stop by the OLLI membership office and a member of the staff will assist you.

### OLLI Committee Meetings

All OLLI Committee meetings are open to the general membership. If you are curious about how our organization works please join us at our next meetings. The dates and times of each meeting are listed on page 8 of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you.



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## Calendar of Committee Meetings

*(All members are welcome to attend)*

### Activities and Travel

Monday, October 1, 10:00 a.m.  
Chair: Carolyn Rayborn,  
344-9548

### Membership, Promotion and Awards

Tuesday, October 2, 9:30 a.m.  
Chair: Beverley Thomas,  
747-5276

### Curriculum and Development

Friday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.  
Chair: Ray Staton, 344-8221

### Governing Council Meeting

Friday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.  
President: Joanne McAdam

### Town Meeting

Wednesday, November 28  
Speaker: Ed Whitelaw

### Hospitality Committee

To volunteer call: Veronika  
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