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Nominations for the Governing Council

At the end of September, there will be three openings on the Governing Council. Two current Council members, **Meribeth Olsen** and **Ray Staton**, have agreed to run for a second two-year term. The nominating committee has selected a nominee for the remaining seat: **Richard Williams**. Nominees, if elected, will serve a two-year term on the Governing Council (October 2008 to September 2010). OLLI-UO members who would like to make additional nominations should first ask for their nominee's consent, and then present a written nomination to either Chuck Adams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or Ray Staton, Council President, or to Ruth Heller, OLLI-UO Program Director prior to the September 12 Council meeting. The Council elections will be held at the September Town Meeting.

The Human-Animal Dance of Sheep Herding

Monday, August 4, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Herding is an ancient cooperation among three different species that involves protection, coercion, alliance, and ultimately, predation. It involves elaborate cross-species communication made possible by the "language game" of training a dog's natural predatory instincts in herding. **Louise Westling**, retired professor of English and Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon, will tell us how this training is accomplished. She will draw largely on the work of Vicki Hearne, a dog and

horse trainer as well as a poet and philosopher, who uses the linguistic theories of Ludwig Wittgenstein and Stanley Cavell. Professor Westling will illustrate her presentation with video clips of Scottish dog trainer Derek Scrimgeour working his dogs in the Lake District of England, with slides of her own young Australian Kelpie Melbourne dog being introduced to sheep at six months old, and a brief video showing him working with his breeder at twelve months old.

Sacred Art in Russia, 15th–17th Centuries

Wednesday, August 6, 1:30 p.m.
to 3:30 p.m.

In this slide presentation Professor Emeritus and LIR founding member **A. Dean McKenzie** will analyze some icons painted by the most famous Russian icon painter in the fifteenth century—Andrei Rublev, focusing on his preservation of traditions and his mastery of the medium as compared to the most influential icon painter in seventeenth-century Russia, Simon Ushakov, who instigated a new and controversial approach to the traditional way of painting icons.

Now that the Russian icon display in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art is in storage for a few months, it is important to focus occasionally on these wonderful art creations.

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Upcoming Presentations

Invasive Weed Species In and Around Lane County

Friday, August 8, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

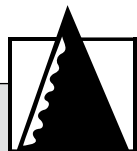
Ross Penhallegon, OSU Lane County Extension Horticulture agent, will identify the major invasive and noxious weeds that have moved into or are likely to move into the Lane County area. He will suggest some ways to respond to the invasion.

Convicts, Thieves, Domesticated and Wives in Colonial Australia: The Rebellious Lives of Ellen Murphy and Jane New

Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In this talk, **Caroline Forell**, Clayton R. Hess Professor of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, will examine the lives of two female convicts (one of whom was her ancestor) who rebelled against the law and the Australian penal system in the early nineteenth century. She will follow Ellen Murphy and Jane New from their first arrests in England through their experiences with and exits from the penal system. Both the notorious New and the more representative Murphy began thieving as young teenagers in the teeming cities of England. The law arrested, tried, and convicted them, next transported them to Tasmania, then unsuccessfully attempted to manage their lives.

Because they were assigned to their husbands, the law doubly disabled convict women. Nevertheless, Murphy and New's interactions with the law illustrate how convict women were able to make meaningful choices even in the heavily regulated penal systems.



FORESTS OF THE WORLD SERIES

Sustainable Forestry on Private Forestland

Friday, August 15, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The practice of sustainable forestry on private forest land has evolved substantially over the last fifty years. Forest landowners have advanced the best management practices, helped promote forest practice rules, and supported sustainable forestry certification to ensure that forests are managed responsibly to maintain productivity. Global forests are now even more in the spotlight as important components in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **Jim Stark**, forest management specialist at Weyerhaeuser, addresses these topics, with a focus on Pacific Northwest forestry. There will be time to entertain questions for a lively discussion.

Cultural Manifestations of Sacco and Vanzetti

Wednesday, August 27, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Italian immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were victims of widespread concerns in 1920s America about anarchism and an "open door" immigration policy. They were arrested and accused of a payroll robbery and murder in the Boston vicinity. Their long ordeal in Massachusetts courts was marred by prejudice because both were foreign-born and both were professed anarchists. Their conviction and eventual execution in 1927 sparked widespread protests in the United States and in Europe.

Immigration historian and OLLI member, **Vincenza Scarpaci**, will introduce this video and lead the discussion.

A Video History of the University of Oregon

Fridays, August 22, 29 and

September 5, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rebecca Force will present the newly completed video history of the University of Oregon. As a TV producer and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the University's School of Journalism and Communications, she played a leading role in planning and making this video series, which will be shown in three parts:

- **Part I:** The Founding and Growing Pains, 1857-1925
- **Part II:** Politics, War, and Rebirth, 1926-1960
- **Part III:** The Years of Unrest, 1961-1989

Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and U.S. Immigration Policy

Wednesday, August 20, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In his book, *One Night in America: Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez, and the Dream of Dignity* (Paradigm Books, 2008), **Steve Bender**, the James and Ilene Hershner Professor of Law at the University of Oregon, chronicles the warm friendship of Robert Kennedy and Cesar Chavez and embraces their bold political vision for making the American dream a reality for all. While many books discuss Kennedy or Chavez

individually, this is the first book to capture their multifaceted relationship and its relevance to mainstream U.S. politics and Latino/a politics today. Bender examines their shared legacy and its continuing influence on political issues including immigration, education, war, poverty, and religion.

Bender will speak about current immigration policy and the misunderstood legacy on immigra-

tion of these two leaders. He will address how immigration dynamics have changed since the 1960s and give insight on how Kennedy and Chavez would have addressed the current immigration crisis. He is coauthor of *Everyday Law for Latinos* and author of *Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law, and the American Imagination*, and has written extensively in diverse subject areas including race relations, politics, real estate, and film studies.

Activities and Travel News

Museum of Natural and Cultural History and Jordan Schnitzer Art Museum Tour

Friday, August 22

We will meet 9:15 a.m. at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History for a ninety-minute guided tour, focusing on Oregon's Native American history and culture, geology of the region, and scientific inquiry. At 11:10 a.m. we will begin a forty-five-minute guided tour of the Jordan Schnitzer Art Museum's general collection where we will explore the unique cultures of Asia through colorful Japanese prints, intricate Chinese textiles, and exquisite hanging scrolls from Korea, journey to Europe's past with master artists such as Paul Cézanne, look at today's world

through the eyes of contemporary American and Northwest artists, and discover how art and daily life intersect for people throughout the world through highlights from the museum's significant 12,500-piece art collection.

Parking at the History Museum will be plentiful. You'll have to do some hunting at the Art Museum parking lot. If you need directions for driving or taking the bus, contact Kitty Meredith at 968-3881 or kittymeredith@comcast.net. **Fees:** \$1.50 and \$1.00 respectively. Lunch at the Marché Cafe after the Art Museum tour is optional.

The Rose City Beckons Tuesday, September 9

Think of our September 9 OLLI trip to Portland as a "double header" or a "twin billing." We will certainly be packing a lot into a one-day outing. The adjacent sites of The World Forestry Center and the Portland Zoo make the mission possible.

Departure from the Experience Oregon rendezvous spot near Shopko at 8:30 a.m. should get us to our first objective at about 10:30 a.m. We'll plan on about two hours at the Forestry Center, which will include a check of their small arboretum.

Then we'll have a bit of lunch in the cafeteria at the Zoo. That will leave about two hours for Zoo time before we meet our bus for a 3:30 p.m. departure. If all goes according to plan we should be back in Eugene around 5:30 p.m.

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The price tag of \$55.00 covers transportation and admission costs. Your lunch and other options are your choice.

We need a minimum of twenty persons to make the trip a go. Please remit your check to Experience Oregon, P.O. Box 338 Junction City, OR 97448 (541) 342-2662. Reserve before Labor Day. We hope this trip will strike your fancy and fit into your summer schedule.

Writing Your Life Story

Tuesdays, September 16–

October 7, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Join us for a workshop on writing your life story. We'll meet for four weekly 1.5-hour sessions, beginning Tuesday, September 16, and continuing through October 7.

The workshop, limited to eighteen participants, will consist of discussions, readings, talks and written exercises designed to stimulate and organize your memories. The workshop will be conducted in an informal environment, where we'll help pull from the past what you want to say, explore who you want to say it to, and help shape how you want to say it. Great writing skills are not needed, because we'll focus much more on telling the story than on the way it is written, so don't worry about writing ability. On the other hand, there is the opportunity to polish some of what you write for possible inclusion in the next issue of the *OLLI-VO Celebrates Creativity* anthology.

The workshop is designed for a range of participants. So if you (1)

have been thinking of writing your life story and could use some help in getting started; (2) are already on your way and need a nudge to keep the writing momentum going; or (3) just want to see if life story writing is attractive, you are invited to participate.

The instructor, OLLI member **David R. Newman**, has had a long career as a journalist (currently writing a monthly column for *North-*

west Senior News), and has been teaching life story writing classes for older adults for over a decade.

Because the workshop is limited to a maximum of eighteen participants, please call the office (346-0697) to register. For more information about the workshop, call David Newman at 484-6695, or send him an e-mail at david-newman2002@yahoo.com.

Armchair Traveler

Antarctica

Thursday, August 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The August Armchair Traveler presentation will feature pictures of Antarctica by **Doug Vorwaller**. Doug traveled to Antarctica last November-December and brought back stunning photos of icebergs, penguin nesting areas, and remote scientific research stations.

Doug is a professional photographer whose interest in digital photography started in 2003 with a planned trip to both islands of New Zealand. He enjoyed photographing everything from sheep to glaciers to gardens and fjords. Since that trip, he reports, he has not been able to put his camera down.

Besides his professional work, he currently enjoys volunteering his services for the City of Tigard, Medical Teams International, and Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program (ORTOP). What an opportunity to see (and hear about) the world's least-visited continent!

OLLI-VO Committee Leadership

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

Governing Council, 2007-2008

At present, the Council consists of the following:

Flo Alvergue	Pat Bitner	Jim Branvold
Ralph Edwards	Beate Galda	Wende Hitchcock
Kitty Meredith	Joanne McAdam	David Newman
Meribeth Olsen	James Paschall	Ray Staton

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

Study and Discussion Groups

Art History Study Group

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

For August 5: The series discusses printmaking, woodcuts and engravings. Learn about incunabula and the German Renaissance. Artists include Albrecht Dürer, Tilman Riemenschneider and Matthias Grünewald.

For August 19: Things get really strange with the art of Hieronymus Bosch. But we will also see the work of Joachim Patinir, Jan Gossaert and Lucas Van Leyden. Then we explore the narrative landscapes of Pieter Bruegel the Elder.
Contact: Ray Staton, 344-8221

Armchair Traveler

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

For August: Antarctica, Doug Vorwaller
Contact: Jan Moursund, 485-8744

Books, Classics/Philosophy

Meets fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

For August: *Roman Lives*, Plutarch
Contact: Paul Holbo, 344-0959

Books, Historical

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

For August: *Mayflower*, Nathaniel Philbrick
For location and information contact: Beth Tucker, 349-8934 or Pat Johnson, 484-5370

Book Study Group

Meets second Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

For August: *Arthur and George*, Julian Barnes
Contact: Karen Ecker 349-0072

Creative Writing

Meets on the first Thursday of every month at noon

Contact: Vern Barkhurst, 434-4109

International Relations Discussion Group

Will resume in September
Contact: John Attig, 686-1027

Music Appreciation: The Symphonies of Beethoven

Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

For August: Symphony No. 5, Pt 1 and 2
Contact: Ella Peterson, 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

Thinking Allowed

Meets first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

For August 7: What About Iran?

For August 14: What Would a Really Workable Health Plan Look Like?

Contact: Chuck Adams, 343-1442

Understanding Science

Meets first and third Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

For August: The Nature of the Earth
Contact: John O'Brien, 461-9100

Visual Artists Group

Meets second Wednesday 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.

On summer break. Classes resume on September 8

Contact: Susanne Ettinger, 349-9299

Spanish Conversation

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

OLLI Bridge Bunch

Meets second and third Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Earl Hain 895-2683



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Calendar of Committee Meetings

The meetings are listed in chronological order each month. *(All members are welcome to attend.)*

Activities and Travel

Monday, August 4, 10:00 a.m.
Chair: Carolyn Rayborn, 344-9548

Council Meeting

Friday, August 8, 9:30 a.m.
President: Ray Staton, 344-8221

OLLI-UO Staff

OLLI UO Program Director:
Ruth Heller 346-0697

Membership, Promotion and Awards

Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 a.m.
Chair: Beverley Thomas, 747-5276

Town Meeting

Friday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.
Jazz Improvisation, Steve Larson

Curriculum and Development

Friday, August 1, 9:30 a.m.
Chair: Ben Johnson, 434-4317

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Ray Staton, 344-8221



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