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Turkey's Search for a Place In a Changing World



PSU professor Birol A. Yeşilada will be the featured speaker at the February RAPS meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Turkey is undergoing dramatic shifts in its domestic and foreign policies under the Islamist-based Justice and Development Party (AKP) government. While its economic gains have moved the country into the position of a global player as one of the G20 states, fluctuating foreign and security policies of the AKP

government have raised serious concerns

about this country's place in NATO as well as its role as a regional stabilizing force in the greater Middle East. Furthermore, Turkey's EU membership aspirations seem to have reached a low point with no real hope for the near future. At the same time, domestic policies of the AKP government show a mixed picture of early democratic reforms followed by reversal of liberties, political rights and weakening of laicism as a fundamental pillar of Turkey's political system.

Dr. Yeşilada holds the endowed chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies and is professor of Political Science and International Studies at Portland State University. He is also the Director of the Center for Turkish Studies in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. He came to PSU in September 1998 from the University of Missouri-Columbia where he was the Chair of the Department of Political Science. He has published eight books and more than 40 articles and book chapters on global power transition, the World Values Study (where he is the PI for Cyprus), the European Union, the development of Turkey, the Cyprus negotiations and international conflict resolution, and politics of economic reform in the emerging markets.

The meeting will be in Room 333, Smith Memorial Student Union. A light lunch will be available at noon, and Dr. Yeşilada will speak at 1:00 pm.

President's Message



It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Tom Potiowsky's January presentation. His review of our current economic state, how we got here, and reflections about the future were thought provoking and enlightening. His mention of educational debt incurred by students struck a responsive chord as we make a concerted effort to support students through our scholarship fund. I was reminded of the consequences both short and long term, of the economic situation in which far too many of our students find themselves. Those consequences have personal as well as larger social effects that we sometimes don't think about, or are not aware of. I am proud of RAPS'

efforts to support students, but I know we need to do more. If you have not taken the time recently to make a contribution to the RAPS Scholarship Fund, I hope you will. If you have contributed, I thank you. Every contribution counts – more than you know. The ballot for election of next year's RAPS officers is at the back of this newsletter. Please vote!

PSU Community Chorus Seeks New Members

The PSU Community Chorus is seeking new members and invites you to participate. The Chorus, made up of faculty, staff, and alumni, welcomes singers of all skill levels. There is no audition to join. If interested, please contact J. R. Tarabocchia (tarabocc@pdx.edu). The chorus sings from mid-January until mid-May, and practices over the lunch hour every Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is \$50 for new singers and \$40 for returners who sang fall term. Jason Sabino, a graduate student studying conducting, directs the chorus.

RAPS Scholarship Contributions

David and Mary Krug
Terri Doherty

The Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Staff, Faculty

The RAPS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Retired Faculty and Staff Awards. The awards will be presented at the annual President's Luncheon on April 17. Awardees are selected based on their achievements since retirement in at least three of the following categories:

- Service to the community
- Service to the University
- Professional/career achievements
- Service to RAPS

Both members and non-members of RAPS are eligible. Nominations will also be accepted for special awards to persons who excel in a single category. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Thursday, March 13. Forms may be obtained by contacting Alle Powers, RAPS Office Manager, at rapsmail@pdx.edu or 503-725-3447. If you have questions, please contact Awards Committee Chair Brian Lewis at brianlewis@pdx.edu or 503-590-5890.

Past Tense

The Beginning: Urban Studies at Portland State



PSU's College of Urban and Public Affairs originated with the establishment of the Urban Studies Undergraduate Certificate in 1959 and the Urban Studies Center in 1966, when the institution was Portland State College (PSC). Located in Harder House, both of these programs were directed by Lyndon Musolf in their earliest years.



In 1968, PSC was authorized by the State Board to offer the Ph.D. in Urban Studies through the departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology, commencing in 1969-70, coinciding with Portland State becoming a university (PSU). The Psychology department joined soon after and founding faculty included Jim Ashbaugh and Dick Lycan (Geography), Chuck Bolton, Leonard Cain, and Jim Weiss (Sociology), Jerry Lansdowne, Lyn Musolf and Dennis West (Political Science) and Morris Weitman and David Wrench (Psychology). The first graduate Urban Studies courses were listed in the PSU Bulletin in 1971 under the Urban Studies Center, with faculty holding joint appointments with the Ph.D. program.



Major steps forward that led to the establishment of the College were often accompanied by moves into new quarters across campus. In October of 1972, Nohad Toulan's hiring to direct the Ph.D. program prompted the urban programs to move from Harder House to Francis Manor. Hiring of new faculty with full-time appointments in the program began. The structure of the Ph.D. program was developed and published in the 1974-75 PSU Bulletin for the first time.

After masters programs were added in Urban Studies and Urban Planning in 1974, Toulan became the Dean of the School of Urban Affairs in 1976, with Urban Studies and Planning, Administration of Justice, and Black Studies programs included. The move to East Hall in 1987 allowed co-location of the academic departments and research centers affiliated with the School.



The final move to the new Urban Center occurred in 1997 as the School became the College of Urban and Public Affairs, currently comprising the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, the School of Community Health, and the School of Government. The latter School includes the Divisions of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Political Science and Public Administration. Today's College allows students with interests in urban problems and process to take advantage of the resources of an urban university, offering nine graduate and four undergraduate degree programs and the resources of a number of research

centers.

Photos (top to bottom) Harder House, Francis Manor, East Hall, and Urban Center

-- Nancy J. Chapman, Professor Emerita, Urban Studies

RAPS Group Reports

The RAPS Book Club will meet at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 18, hosted by Marge Terdal at 997 SW Westwood Drive in Portland. Contact her at terdalm@pdx.edu or 503-244-5714 to RSVP and for directions. We will discuss *My Beloved World* by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the 2014 Multnomah County Library “Everybody Reads” selection. It is described by the publisher as follows:

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. ...

With only television characters for her professional role models, and little understanding of what was involved, she determined to become a lawyer, a dream that would sustain her on an unlikely course, from valedictorian of her high school class to the highest honors at Princeton, Yale Law School, the New York County District Attorney’s office, private practice, and appointment to the Federal District Court before the age of forty.

Through her still-astonished eyes, America’s infinite possibilities are envisioned anew in this warm and honest book, destined to become a classic of self-invention and self-discovery.

Looking ahead, we will be discussing *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev, translated by Evan Fallenberg, in March.

--Mary Gordon Brannan

The RAPS Bridge Group meets at Friendly House, a non-profit agency that has been providing services to children, the elderly, and all ages in between, since the Great Depression. At the last meeting we were privileged to have a presentation about a new program of Friendly House, which builds on their many years of services to seniors. Community Concierge was born from the desire of individuals to remain in their homes,

in the neighborhoods they love. The program provides a broad range of home care, personal assistance, service coordination and social opportunities for 60 and over adults in the Portland metro area who want to maintain independent, active lives. Revenue generated from these services goes to support Friendly House’s services to low income seniors. More information about the program is available on the website at www.communityconciergepdx.org or by telephone at 503-935-5280. It is an exciting and different new program, which seems to be meeting a community need.

Future meetings: Friendly House needs to use the room we have been using for months. **We have a date change and room change.** From now on RAPS Bridge will meet on the **first Tuesday** of each month. Our new room is the conference room of Friendly House’s Anderson Building. Switching rooms and regular meeting dates allows us to continue meeting in our usual 1 pm to 4:30 pm time slot. Our upcoming meeting dates are February 4 and March 4. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. His e-mail address is the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

--Steve Brennan

On January 10, **The RAPS Hiking Group** walked a three mile loop including Portland Heights, South Park Blocks, Goose Hollow, and back into Portland Heights. Lunch was at the Vista Spring Café. We were ready for rain but encountered only a light mist.

On February 14th, we will hike a portion of the 40 mile Springwater Corridor. This is an old rail line known by many names including the Portland Traction Company Line. We will walk from mile post 6 along Johnson Creek to mile post 9 where it crosses I205 and back for a total of 6 miles. The trail is paved and will not be muddy. Lunch will be at a café in the area. Meet at the trailhead parking lot at 45th and Johnson Creek Boulevard at 9:30am. February 14th is also Valentine’s Day, PSU’s birthday and the State of Oregon birthday. Please confirm your participation with Larry Sawyer at larry_sawyer@comcast.net or 503-771-1616.

--Larry Sawyer

In Memoriam: D. (Daniel) James Manning, 1931-2014

Professor Manning, born in Klamath Falls, Oregon, May 29, 1931, died January 9, 2014, at his home in Anthem, Arizona, with Lori, his spouse of many years, at his side. A private memorial service for family members will be held in Portland; at a later date, a rosary service will be said for Jim at St. Rose's Church in Anthem.



Upon completion of his secondary education in Klamath Falls in 1950, the University of Santa Clara, California, awarded Jim a football scholarship. However, outbreak of the Korean War in June, 1950, imposed a military service obligation that interrupted Jim's education. In January 1951 he enlisted in the United States Air Force, served overseas, and was discharged in December 1953. Jim married Clarissa on April 19, 1952. They had three children, Marsha, Sandra and Suzie.

After returning to civilian life, in January 1954 Jim enrolled in the University of Oregon and completed a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1957. Throughout his educational pursuits, Jim concurrently engaged in relevant business employment. He also held various instructional appointments at other institutions, including the University of Washington, Seattle University, and the University of Portland. With full scholarship support, he enrolled at the New York University Graduate School of Retailing during 1957-58 and earned an MS degree focused on economics and marketing. After serving as an assistant professor of marketing at Portland State College, 1960 to 1964, he launched doctoral studies at the University of Washington's College of Business, earning a Ph.D. degree in 1967 which led to promotion to Associate Professor.

Professor Manning's distinguished PSU career paralleled the institution's emergence as a comprehensive university. As a faculty member he actively contributed to the growth of the Business Administration department within the PSC Division of Social Science, which in 1961 was expanded and reorganized as the Division of Business Administration headed by newly appointed Dean Donald D. Parker. Subsequently, the unit was designated as the School of Business Administration.

Jim's classes in international marketing and export planning attracted large enrollments of students seeking career guidance for employment in Oregon's international trade and business sectors. In collaboration with departmental colleagues in 1966 he established an International Business Certificate Program. In 1974 the U. S. Department of Commerce, with presidential authorization, formed an Export Expansion Council for Oregon, and appointed Professor Manning to membership. In addition, he concurrently served as a member of Oregon's Department of Economic Development Advisory Board and assisted numerous private companies in export activities.

Those international marketing accomplishments led to his appointment in September, 1984, as the first Director of PSU's Institute for International Trade and Commerce, funded by the Oregon Legislature to bring together statewide educational and research resources to support international economic development. The State Legislature and the Board of Higher Education designated the Institute as a "Center of Excellence" to be housed jointly in the School of Business Administration and the Portland World Trade Center. In March, 1985, Governor Victor Atiyeh urged the Institute to capitalize on the numerous available commerce opportunities in the Pacific Rim region. Business groups throughout the State invited Jim to speak about the Institute's offerings.

In March 1987 the Oregon State Board of Education appointed Professor Manning to lead a delegation to People's Republic of China to arrange a Business Education Exchange with Fujian Province's Bureau of Higher Education which complemented PSU's existing outreach arrangements with Zhengzhou University in Henan Province.

Professor Manning relinquished the Institute's directorship in 1987 to become the lead professor for PSU's newly launched International Business baccalaureate degree program. University President Natale Sicuro lauded Professor Manning for his outstanding pioneering efforts that added a significant dimension to PSU's thrust as a global university.

During his long career at PSU Professor Manning actively engaged in university-wide governance. He was a member of the Graduate Council, International Programs Board, Publications Board, and various search committees. For his tireless, innovative and lasting contributions, the University community owes a lasting debt of gratitude to Professor Manning.

Our organization extends heartfelt condolences to surviving family members, including his spouse, Lorelei Manning, their children Dr. David ("Puffer") and Keld Bangsberg; Marsha Martin and Sandra Manning; his brother, PSU Emeritus Professor William A. Manning (Norma). His former wife, Clarissa, and their daughter, Suzie, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. James Manning Memorial Fund, Sustainable Household Income Project, Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health, <https://secure.massgeneral.org/global-health>. This program, managed by Dr. David Bangsberg, provides micro-enterprise training designed to lift rural Ugandan families out of poverty.

--Emeritus Professor of History, Victor C. Dahl

In Memoriam: Anna Elizabeth "Betsey" Brown, 1920-2013



Betsey truly enjoyed her 93 years of life to the fullest. She was born on July 31, 1920 in Lewiston, Idaho, to Vonley Miller and Edith Wright. Betsey married Richard H. Brown and had two children, Nancy Elizabeth and Richard Marshall Brown.

Betsey earned her doctorate in education from Columbia University and taught in the teacher education programs at Portland State University during summer sessions. She also taught at Western Oregon University and Queens College, as well as colleges throughout the Midwest. Betsey served as director of curriculum and staff development for the Anchorage School District for many years.

Betsey was an accomplished harpist and enjoyed attending the opera, symphony, theater, and ballet. She loved to travel and had visited most of the countries in the world. She was an active member of the RAPS Book Club and attended many RAPS functions. Betsey will be missed by her family and her many friends at Holladay Park Plaza, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and RAPS. She is survived by her grandchildren, Elizabeth and William Leedom, Marsha and Peter Chadwick, Brian and Vivian Brown and Craig Brown; and great-grandchildren, Betsy Christianson, Sam Chadwick, William and Jill Leedom, Katie and Kyle Edwards and Amy Leedom. A memorial service was held for her on December 21.

--Mary Gordon Brannan