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## Cornel Pewewardy Speaks September 17



On Thursday, September 17, Cornel Pewewardy will present "From Red Power to Idle No More: The Evolution of Native Activism in the Pacific Northwest." Dr. Pewewardy is Professor and Director of the Indigenous Nations Studies Program at Portland State University. Indigenous Nations Studies is part of the new School of Gender, Race, and Nations of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. His heritage is Comanche-Kiowa from Oklahoma. Dr. Pewewardy engages in scholarship from the postcolonial Indigenous research paradigm, and is particularly interested in the self-determination of Native American nations, in fostering culturally responsive teaching, and in ethnomusicology. His presentation will focus on the resurgence of activism among Pacific Northwest Native Americans. Dr. Pewewardy has received the 2012 John Eliot Allen Outstanding Teacher Award given by the College of Liberal Arts and Science at Portland State University, was selected for the 2011 Carl A. Grant Multicultural Research Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education, and was named the 2011 Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Indian Education Association. Dr. Pewewardy received his doctorate in Educational Administration from Pennsylvania State University. He has published extensively in the fields of American Indian Education and Multicultural Education. The meeting will be in Room 333, Smith Memorial Student Union. A light lunch will be available at noon. Cornel Pewewardy will speak at 1:00pm. Please join us for this opening event of the 2015-16 academic year.

# President's Message



An exciting year is in store for new and returning RAPS members. Thanks to everyone who has provided our Program Planning Committee with suggestions for speakers and events. Our fall term meetings begin this month with Dr. Cornel Pewewardy who will consider the resurgence of activism in the Pacific Northwest Native American Nations. Provost Sona Andrews will meet with members in October to discuss recent PSU initiatives such as the School of Public Health and new online programs. November's meeting will feature Dr. Claire Wheeler speaking on holistic health and the new paradigm of medicine. Other events planned for this academic year include the RAPS Annual Holiday Party, the President's Luncheon, and a wine tasting tour.

Thanks to Terril Doherty who organized the RAPS Summer picnic, which was held at Overlook Park this year, and to Larry Sawyer for technology support and photography at the summer event and throughout the year. Kudos also to Bill Lemman who has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the national Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). Finally, my gratitude goes to Past President Priscilla Blumel, who worked tirelessly to enhance the programs and events offered by RAPS during the past year, mentoring me along the way.

I look forward to a great year working with the RAPS Board of Directors, including our new members Ansel Johnson and Bob Tufts. We are also fortunate that our able office manager Carissa Ponting is returning this year. Please continue to send us your ideas for programs and activities that you would like RAPS to sponsor. I am hoping to meet and talk with you at RAPS events this year.

--Eileen Brennan

## RAPS Scholarship Recipient Announced



Our RAPS Scholarship recipient for 2015-16 is Jillian Szilagyi Kelly. Jillian grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from Knox College in Galesburg IL, majoring in Human Ecology. She worked for a number of years in graphic design in Chicago, and has also worked in advertising for Community Newspapers, Inc. and freelanced from home when her three children were very young.

She is in the Social Work Master's program and will complete the MSW and PSU's Certificate in Gerontology in June. She has practical experience with the elderly in addition to her graduate work, including working as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at the Benedictine Nursing Center in Mount Angel. The mostly elderly residents she worked with there included those in rehabilitation and those in dementia care. She works at Providence Milwaukie Hospital for her MSW advanced fieldwork. She also finds time for community volunteering, particularly through the National Association of Social Workers and their legislative committee.

Her involvement has led her to develop four goals that guide her current and future activities:

- *Intellectual care.* Jillian notes that many activities in programs and housing for seniors are relatively passive—e.g., polishing nails. For the generations retiring now and in the future, more active, intellectually engaging activities are likely to be a better fit. (continued on page 3)

- *Intergenerational living.* For example, housing affordability could be increased by combining generations and encouraging residents to support each other as an extended family.
- *End of life.* Supporting those dying as well as those close to them through the process and working for more informed and compassionate choices.
- *Social Security.* She is interested in political action to extend Social Security support to those who perform essential unpaid work, such as stay-at-home and single mothers.

She sees herself focusing her career particularly on end of life and bereavement care.

Jillian expressed how grateful she is for the assistance the scholarship will provide in her final year. Becoming an unpartnered parent has made it much more difficult for her to juggle work, family and schooling. She commutes between Portland and Mount Angel. She is an outstanding student, and makes important contributions to her profession and community. I am sure if you have a chance to meet her at our Holiday Party or the President's Luncheon you will be impressed.

*--Nancy Chapman  
Chair, Scholarship Committee*

## Football Tickets Available for RAPS Members

PSU's Athletics department has made 20 tickets available for the Saturday, September 26 football game between PSU and Western Oregon. The game will be at Providence Park beginning at 2:00PM. RAPS members can receive two tickets without charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Carissa Ponting at: 503-725-3447 or at her email, [raps@pdx.edu](mailto:raps@pdx.edu). If you are interested in a special package of tickets to the Montana and Montana State vs PSU games, please see [http://www.goviks.com/news/2015/6/23/athletics\\_0623152903.aspx](http://www.goviks.com/news/2015/6/23/athletics_0623152903.aspx)

*--Eileen Brennan*

## Contributions to the RAPS Scholarship Fund

Those listed below have contributed to the RAPS Scholarship Fund since June 15, 2015.

Priscilla Blumel  
Nancy Chapman  
Chik Erzurumlu  
Joan Shireman  
Doris Sun  
and

The Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle

# RAPS Group Reports

**RAPS Book Group** met on July 21 at the home of Eileen Brennan and had an intense discussion of *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Eric Larson. It is the story of the torpedoing of the passenger liner Lusitania in World War I, told in great detail and from many perspectives, and there was much to discuss.

In August we discussed *All the Light You Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. It is a tale of occupied France during World War II, and examines the forces shaping a German soldier and a French partisan, two very young people whose paths briefly collide. It won the Pulitzer Prize in 2014. We met at the beach home of Marge Terdal, enjoying lunch and a walk on the beach as well as a discussion of a good book.

On September 15, we will meet to discuss *The Residue Years* by Mitchell Jackson, a Portland author who writes about growing up as a black youth in a neglected part of the city. The meeting will be at the home of Joan Shireman, 13584 SE Snowfire Dr., Happy Valley. If you plan to attend, contact her at 503-698-9951, or [joanshireman@gmail.com](mailto:joanshireman@gmail.com).

The book group meets at 1:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

**The RAPS Bridge Group** will meet (or has already met) on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Given the timing of the monthly *RAPS Sheet*, let me inform you of upcoming bridge sessions: October 6, 2015 and November 3, 2015.

We gather in the conference room of Friendly House's Anderson Building. This building is on the north side of NW Savier Street, around the corner from the main entrance to Friendly House at 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurman. Playing begins at 1:00 pm and continues to about 4:30 pm.

I am gathering comments on a central location for our monthly bridge gathering. Players have suggested the following criteria for a new location:

1. Close to MAX and bus service
2. No cost to rent the room.

Please respond if you have suggestions for a new, centrally-located place to play.

We are friendly and are always looking for new players. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, [503-646-6297](tel:503-646-6297). My email address is [the.steve.brennan@gmail.com](mailto:the.steve.brennan@gmail.com).

--Steve Brennan

**The RAPS Hiking Group** will be hiking again in the Mount Hood National Forest on September 11. We hope it will not be on fire at that time. The hike will be to Mirror Lake and continuing on to Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain summit. We will have a sack lunch at the summit. This hike is #76 in Sullivan 4<sup>th</sup> edition. If you wish to do the short hike to Mirror Lake, the round trip is 3.2 miles with a 700 foot elevation gain. The full hike to the summit will be 6.4 miles with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. From the summit on a clear day looking south, you can see several major mountains. To the north, you will see Mount Hood and look down at Mirror Lake. This will be a carpool hike, leaving the SE corner of the Gateway Transit Parking Garage at 9:30 am.

The October 9 hike will be local, in the Cooper Mountain Nature Park. Meet at the park's parking lot at 9:30 am. We will select a local restaurant for lunch.

If you plan to participate in these hikes, or want more information about them, please contact Larry Sawyer at 403-771-1616, or email him at [larry\\_sawyer@comcast.net](mailto:larry_sawyer@comcast.net). (There is an underscore between "larry" and "sawyer" in that internet address.)

--Larry Sawyer

## In Memoriam: Eileen Rose, 1931 -2015

**E**ileen May Rose was born, in London, England. Her maiden name was Palmer and she was an only child. Her maternal grandparents raised Eileen until age 6; her father was a civilian employee of the Royal Navy in Malaysia, and her mother accompanied him. Eileen's parents returned to Great Britain in 1937. In 1941, the family home was bombed. She and her mother were buried nine hours beneath the rubble.



Eileen Rose, 1972. Photo from PSU Archives

Many friends, including her study group at the Temple Shir Tikvah, and a cousin, Anita Veets, in England, survive Eileen. Contributions in Eileen's name may be made to two charities she supported, Oregon Public Broadcasting and the Oregon Humane Society.

RAPS extends sincere condolences to Eileen Rose's friends and family.

Eileen graduated from the University of London in 1953. She came to the U.S. in 1955. She taught at an elementary school and then, after obtaining a master's degree in elementary education and counseling from Lewis and Clark College, was a counselor at Joseph Lane Public School.

Eileen moved to Portland State University in 1971, where she was first an Assistant to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. In that position, she was able to help many students including students in Operation Plus, a program for helping students, mostly minority students, who did not meet the university's admission standards. At Portland State, however, she is most remembered for her many years of service as the University's Director of Admissions. As Director, to make it easier for community college students to transfer to four-year institutions, she led the effort to compile a list of transferable courses, and, later, a list of vocational-technical credits that were deemed to be the equivalent of university courses. Upon her retirement in 1992, Eileen became an active member of RAPS and for several years coordinated many of the organization's social events, notably the annual Christmas gathering on campus.

*--John R. Cooper,  
Professor Emeritus of English*

## In Memoriam: John “Jack” Lind, 1934 -2015

John Dayton Lind was born November 10, 1934, in Dayton, Montana and died August 12, 2015 in Portland. He graduated from the University of Montana and began a 33-year career in education. His first position was as a music teacher in Alaska, where he founded the Fairbanks Symphony. He and his wife, Marilyn, returned to Montana before settling in Oregon. Jack Lind taught music and was the band director at Beaverton High School, and his bands marched in the Rose Festival Parades. He became the supervisor of music for the Beaverton School District.



Jack Lind, 1987. Photo from PSU Archives

Upon receiving his Doctorate from the University of Montana, Jack worked in school administration for Beaverton District 48. He was the first vice principal in the newly opened Aloha High School, then Director of Administrator of Administrative Services for the District. In 1971, he became a full-time faculty member at Portland State University where he taught educational administration, along with research and statistics. In 1974, the acting dean, Dean Anderson, appointed Jack Lind to chair a committee to develop a doctoral program in community college education (now PACE). He helped found the School of Education’s graduate program in school administration, a program that has trained more than 70% of Oregon’s school administrators. Ulrich Hardt, retired Associate Dean of the School of Education, said, “Jack Lind was a key faculty member in our educational administration program and in the development of the doctoral program. He was a very popular teacher, [who] taught large classes, advised a huge number of students, and mentored many grateful candidates through their doctoral dissertations.” He retired in 1990.

A reception to honor Professor Lind took place on August 18. His wife of 57 years, Marilyn, their children, Kirsten, Eric and Norman, and his sisters, Mildred Williams, Beverly Graves and Sue Honey survive him. RAPS extends sincere sympathy to Professor Lind’s family.

*--John R. Cooper  
Professor Emeritus of English*