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## Provost Sona Andrews To Speak October 15



On Thursday, October 15, Sona Karentz Andrews, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Portland State University will speak to RAPS members. Portland State was recognized as one of the most innovative universities in the nation in the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings released this fall; PSU has also been nationally recognized for its undergraduate curriculum and for its sustainability initiatives.

Dr. Andrews received her undergraduate degree in Geography from Worcester State University in Massachusetts, and her Master's and Ph.D. in Geography from Arizona State University. She came to Portland State University from the Chancellor's Office of the Oregon University System where she served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Strategies. She earlier served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Boise State University.

Dr. Andrews is leading PSU through an unprecedented campus change called **ReTHINK PSU**. This endeavor seeks campus-wide involvement in planning how the university can deliver education that serves more students with better outcomes, while containing costs through effective use of technology.

**Please note that this meeting will begin with a light lunch at 11:30am (half an hour earlier than our usual time.) Provost Andrews will speak at 12:15pm.**

## President's Message



Many of you may have heard that Portland State has been recognized as one of the most innovative universities in the nation in the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings released this fall. We are fortunate to have Provost Sona Andrews as speaker at our October meeting. She will be addressing some of the major initiatives at PSU that have contributed to this ranking. Please join us to hear Provost Andrews share the latest news about the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, the expansion of on-line offerings, and other major innovations. Dr. Andrews is an enthusiastic supporter of the Retirement Association of Portland State and is looking forward to meeting with members on October 15.

I am also pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Barbara Alberty as Interim President-Elect of RAPS. Barbara is an Emeritus faculty member of the School of Business Administration and a Past President of RAPS, as well as an active member of our Scholarship and Program Committees. Thank you so much, Barbara, for being willing to serve in this key role.

Finally, a committee of RAPS members headed by Past President Priscilla Blumel has reviewed and revised our organizational Bylaws in an effort to improve the leadership structure of the organization. In the discussion leading to the approval of these changes by the RAPS Board, members recognized the importance of strengthening our leadership team by introducing a new Co-President to the team each year, and limiting the terms of the Co-Presidents to two years. Please read about the Bylaws change below, and please take the time to vote.

I hope to see you at our October meeting with Provost Andrews

--Eileen Brennan

## Changes to RAPS Board— Please Read Bylaws Revision and Vote

The Retirement Association of Portland State Board of Directors has proposed a Bylaws change that creates a new form of leadership, acknowledging the fact that our RAPS members have active lives and travel a great deal. The three-year stream of President Elect, President and Past President would be replaced by a two-year Co-Presidency of two officers. The terms of the Co-Presidents would be staggered to allow both the experienced officer and the new officer to serve together. This also makes it possible for Co-Presidents to work together so that when one is traveling or otherwise occupied, the other can be present. It is a collegial system that has worked well in other organizations. The change is planned to occur in spring 2016 when the membership votes in the new officers.

You can vote to approve or disapprove the change in the Bylaws. RAPS must receive your response by **Monday, October 19th**. There are three options available to vote. (1) You can return your ballot in the return envelope enclosed with this newsletter. (2) You can pick up a ballot at the October 15th luncheon and vote there. (3) You can go the RAPS website at [www.pdx.edu/raps](http://www.pdx.edu/raps) and click on the voting link on the home page. We urge you to review the proposed changes to the Bylaws and to vote.

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### RAPS BALLOT

( ) I support the proposed changes to the RAPS Bylaws.

( ) I do not support the proposed changes to the RAPS Bylaws.

## RAPS Group Reports

**The RAPS Book Group** met on September 15 at the home of Joan Shireman, and discussed *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 semi-autobiographical account is tragic in its depiction of the events in the life of a black man, and heart-warming in its depiction of a family's attempt to remain intact. The discussion was intense, made more so by the familiar Portland setting.

In October the book group will read *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Set on the Ojibwe Reservation in North Dakota, it won the National Book Award for fiction and is described on the Amazon website as "a once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture." We will meet at the home of Brian Lewis, 12828 SW Walnut St., Tigard. Contact him at 503-590-5890 or [brianlewispdx@gmail.com](mailto:brianlewispdx@gmail.com) to let him know whether you can be there, and to get directions.

The group has chosen David McCullough's *The Path Between the Seas: The Building of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914* as the book to read and discuss at our November meeting. Described (again by Amazon) as "a must-read for anyone interested in American history, the history of technology, international intrigue, and human drama," it has won many awards. The meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Leonard.

The Book Group meets at 1:30 on the third Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

**The RAPS Bridge Group** will meet (or has already met) on Tuesday, October 6, 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: November 3, 2015, and December 1, 2015.

On October 6, we will 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.

Two things to note:

1. **We will be meeting in Smith Memorial Student Union in the future (after October 6.)**
2. **We will take up a collection for donation to Friendly House on October 6.**

The donation will serve as thanks for the many months of free rooms for RAPS bridge. Please come prepared to make a contribution. Thanks in advance.

Going forward from November we are trying out Smith Center as a centrally located place to play bridge. The RAPS Board has kindly offered to pay the room rent for our bridge group. We will see how the room fits our needs during this trial period.

The RAPS Bridge group is friendly and we 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** hiked to Mirror Lake and Tom Dick and Harry Mountain on September. The weather was very good but Mount Hood was nearly bare of snow.

Our October 9 hike will be in the Cooper Mountain Nature Park. There are a series of nature trail loops totaling 3.23 miles. We will hike as any of these loops as we wish. Meet at the park's parking lot at 9:30 am. We will select a local restaurant for lunch. If you plan to attend or for directions, please contact Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 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: Orcilia Zuniga Forbes, 1937 - 2015

Orcilia Forbes, former Vice President for Student Affairs at Portland State, died August 28, 2015. She was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She earned her nursing degree at the University of New Mexico in 1960. She moved to Minnesota with her husband, Richard “Dick” Forbes, who was working there on his Doctorate in Biology.

Orcilia and Dick came to Portland State in the mid 1960s, where Dick became a Professor of Biology and she became Assistant Director of Health Services, a position she held from 1965 to 1975. In her seventh year at Portland State University, she took a sabbatical to earn a Master’s degree in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley, having previously earned a similar degree from the Oregon Health Sciences University.



Orcilia Forbes Photo from PSU Archives

In 2007, the University of New Mexico presented her the Bernard S. Rodey Award for service to higher education. Her name is recorded on the Walk of Heroines at Portland State University.

Orcilia Forbes was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Forbes, and is survived by their daughter, Eryn, and her husband Hal Fay; their son Bryan and his wife Colleen; and one granddaughter. RAPS extends sincere sympathy to Orcilia Forbes’s family.

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

## In Memoriam:

### Hugo Maynard (Hugo Du Coudray) 1933 -2015

**H**ugo Maynard was born Hugo du Coudray in Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies in 1933. He later adopted the name of his stepfather, Maynard, but recently, after a visit with his relatives in Trinidad, he went back to his original name.

Hugo came to the United States in 1943. He finished elementary school in Montreal, Canada and high school in Yuma, Arizona. He became an American citizen in 1950. He attended the School of Engineering of the University of Arizona and studied anthropology at Mexico City College. At the University of California Berkeley, he earned a B.A. and pre-medical degree in Psychology in 1959. He earned an M.A. in Psychology at the University of Oregon in 1964 and a Ph.D. in Psychology from University of Oregon in 1966.

He taught at Stanford University from 1963 to 1967 and at Portland State University from 1967 until his retirement in 1995. Professor Maynard was one of the founding members of the Department of Psychology and helped to establish the department's focus on applied psychology and community outreach.

In his honor, the department established the Hugo Maynard Blue Denim Fund, named for his habitual dress and designed to provide scholarships for undergraduate students in the Psychology department. After retirement from PSU, Professor Maynard joined the faculty of Oregon Health & Science University.

He co-authored clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of traumatic brain injury and served as an investigator for clinical trials in the United States, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, and Ecuador. He was instrumental in teaching research methods to students in developing countries and in establishing independent research teams in those areas.

Professor Maynard is survived by his wife, Sharon; four brothers and five sisters; two children from his first marriage, Alison Pillette and Caitlin Maynard; two children from his marriage with Sharon, Max Maloney and Viva Mertlich; and five grandchildren. The family suggests donations to the Blue Denim Fund.

RAPS extends sincere condolences to Professor Maynard's family.

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



## In Memoriam: Richard H. Dana, 1927-2015

**R**ichard H. Dana was an honorary Research Professor at the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University from 1991 to 2013. He served as Principal Investigator for the Minority Cultural Initiative Project of the RRI from 1988 to 1991. Dana earned his B.A. in psychology, with honors, at Princeton in 1949, after having served two years in the United States Army. He earned an M.S. in Clinical Psychology in 1951 and a Ph.D. in Psychology in 1953, both from the University of Illinois. For four years, he was a practicing clinical psychologist.

In 1956 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and in 1957 Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Nevada. From 1961 to 1969, he taught successively at West Virginia University, the University of South Florida, the University of Wyoming, and Marquette University. From 1969 to 1988, he was at the University of Arkansas, rising to the rank of University Professor.

He served as Dean of the Oregon Graduate School of Professional Psychology at Pacific University from 1986 to 1987. From 1988 to 1991, while serving as Principal Investigator for the Minority Cultural Initiative Project at Portland State University, he simultaneously served as Distinguished Scholar in Behavioral Sciences at the University of LaVerne. From 1995 to 2005, he taught courses and presented workshops in Europe, Latin America, Canada, and the United States. Professor Dana had an extensive list of publications in his field, including seventeen books.

RAPS extends sincere sympathy to Professor Dana's family.

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