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The RAPS Sheet

The newsletter of the Retirement Association of Portland State

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FEBRUARY 20 RAPS PROGRAM

Providing 'inclusive college experience' for intellectually disabled students

THE FEBRUARY RAPS program introduces members to special education professors Ann Fullerton and Mary Morningstar, whose February 20 presentation, "Providing an Inclusive College Experience for Students with Intellectual Disabilities," highlights the work they are doing in PSU's Career and Community Studies Program. The program's mission includes making sure that each student's experience is individually designed to support inclusive academic and career experiences leading to meaningful, integrated employment and self-determination.



Ann Fullerton

The two are co-directors of the Think College Inclusion Oregon-PSU (TCIO-PSU), a project funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant. Think College is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disabilities.

Ann Fullerton is professor emeritus of education at Portland State. She joined the special education faculty in 1990, teaching across several areas in special education including literacy, assessment, and collaboration. Her

focus was on helping adolescents gain the self-knowledge, life skills, and self-determination needed for the transition to adulthood. She holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Mary Morningstar came to PSU from the University of Kansas, where she earned a Ph.D. in special education. Her research encompasses college and career readiness for youth with disabilities, teacher education and development, and secondary inclusive educational reform. She is the author of *The Educator's Guide to Implementing Transition Planning and Services*, published in 2017.



Mary Morningstar

The RAPS meeting begins at noon Thursday, February 20, in 333 Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway, with a light deli lunch. The presentation by professors Fullerton and Morningstar follows at about 12:45 p.m.

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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Interim president to headline April 15 annual luncheon

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY to mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 15—tax day. That's the date for this year's President's Luncheon for retired faculty and staff.



The luncheon is typically held in May, but because of various conflicts, this year the luncheon is being held a month early. Stephen Percy, Portland State's interim president, will discuss the state of the University and future aspirations and new developments for PSU.

Before serving as interim president, Dr. Percy served as dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs since 2014. Before coming to PSU he was dean of the College

of Public Affairs at the University of Baltimore. Dr. Percy is co-author of six books and one textbook.

At Portland State, Dr. Percy headed the campus-wide effort to expand centers and institutes that promote civic engagement, community problem solving, and community and regional planning.

The President's Luncheon will be a fun and informative event, so sign up early! Additional information regarding time, parking, and other details will be in upcoming issues of the *RAPS Sheet*. We hope to see you there!

—Dave Krug



Move it or lose it

SUSAN POULSEN (top left), professor emeritus of speech communication and a licensed nurse, speaks at "Surviving and Thriving as We Age," the RAPS general meeting on January 16. Christine Krueger, a physical therapist, and Ann-Marie Cordova, a physical therapy assistant, also presented. The meeting included an opportunity for RAPS members, including Charlie White, professor emeritus of history, to participate in some light exercises (below and bottom left).



RAPS Group Reports

Book Group

IN JANUARY WE MET at Leif and Marge Terdal's home and discussed Lynne Olson's *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with England in its Darkest, Finest Hour*.

A detailed history, the book introduces many individuals that we did not know much about. It explores the origins of an Anglo-American alliance and the tensions that it endured. With its focus on London, it presents material new to many of us.

In February we have decided to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. A Pulitzer Prize winner, it has won wide acclaim, and we are eager to read and talk about it. We will meet at the home of Felicia Wirtz, 16433 Avamere Court, Portland. Contact Felicia at 503-645 0947 or feliciawirtz@gmail.com to let her know whether you will be able to be there.

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

—Joan Shireman

Bridge Group

THE RAPS BRIDGE GROUP meets in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 p.m. and try to finish up by 4 p.m. We meet in Smith Center. We have had some new and returning members join us for our last few meetings. Please feel free to be another one of our new members for bridge (we really would welcome more new members).

Is that new 2020 calendar looking bare? These RAPS events will help!

March

Thursday, March 19

ANNUAL MARCH POTLUCK and spring opera preview with PSU opera program director Christine Meadows. This year's production is *Merry Wives of Windsor*, an operetta in three acts by Otto Nicolai, featuring PSU faculty member Richard Zeller in the role of Falstaff.

April

Wednesday, April 15

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON for Retired Staff and Faculty hosted by interim president Stephen Percy.

Please update your RAPS Directory information

DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY of the 2017-2018 RAPS Directory?

RAPS is planning to publish a new directory later this year, so please check your entry in your 2017-2018 directory and notify the RAPS Office of any updates or corrections.

You can send an email to rapsmail@pdx.edu or call Emily Caparelli, RAPS office manager, at 503-725-3447.

Don't have a copy of the latest directory? Let Emily know, and she'll mail you one.

Our next meeting will be on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 4, in 329 Smith Center. Please mark your calendars for our Tuesday, March 3, meeting. I will send out the reminder email notice about one week prior to each date we play. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. My email address is:

the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

—Steve Brennan

Hiking Group

OUR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, hike will go from Kenton to the bluffs over Swan Island, across Swan Island, then back to the MAX Yellow Line. Total distance is 6.1 miles. Almost the entire hike will be on city streets, including a stretch along busy North Basin Avenue on Swan Island.

The best way to get there is on the MAX Yellow Line. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the northbound platform of the North Lombard Transit Center, which is at the intersection of North Interstate Avenue and Lombard Street.

The hike will end at the Prescott and Interstate MAX station. We will eat at one of the many cafes in the area; one possibility is a cafe on Swan Island before the end of the hike. The exact lunch location will be decided by the hikers.

This hike can be found on page 14 of the 2008 edition of *Portland City Walks* by Laura Foster.

The RAPS website link to the hike is <https://www.pdx.edu/raps/raps-hikers>

Confirm your participation to Larry Sawyer by emailing Larry at larry_sawyer@comcast.net or calling him at 503-771-1616.

—Larry Sawyer



THE RAPS HIKING GROUP hiked a portion of the Banks-Vernonia State Trail, the first linear rail trail state park in Oregon, in January. The Portland, Astoria & Pacific Railroad built the original rail line in 1913 to transport timber, freight, and passengers. The 700-foot-long Buxton Trestle (above), built in 1920, spans Mendenhall Creek.



RAPS GOES TO . . .

Portugal!

October 3-12, 2020

Portugal . . . Roman ruins, whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals. During our 10 days we'll see Lisbon, the Portuguese Riviera, Evora—the “museum city of Portugal”—and a host of other unforgettable places, including five UNESCO World Heritage Sites. And, if you choose the optional extension, Madeira, an island full of culture and wonderful cuisine. Includes round-trip airfare from Portland and 12 meals. Plus, part of your fare supports the RAPS scholarship!

To learn more, contact:
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BOOK NOW! PRICE GOES UP \$100 ON APRIL 3!
\$3,649 per person, double occupancy

For trip details, visit: <http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/944136>