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The RAPS Sheet

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MARCH 19 RAPS SPRING POTLUCK!



Richard Zeller (left) will sing the role of Falstaff in *Merry Wives of Windsor*, the University's spring opera production. RAPS members will see a preview at the spring potluck on March 19.

Potluck features 'Merry Wives' preview

THE WIT OF SHAKESPEARE and the charm of Viennese operetta come together in the PSU Opera Program's spring production of *Merry Wives of Windsor*, with music by Otto Nicolai and libretto by Salomon Hermann Mosenthal.

Performances are scheduled in April but RAPSers will get a preview at the RAPS member meeting Thursday, March 19, from Opera Program Director Christine Meadows and her student performers.

Set in Windsor, England, in the early 15th century, the three-act comic opera relates the adventures (and mis-adventures) of the middle-aged knight Sir John Falstaff as he attempts to woo two married women of the town.

The role of Falstaff will be sung by PSU faculty member Richard Zeller, a baritone whose 32-year performance career includes 11 seasons with the Metropolitan Opera.

Meadows has served as director of opera and vocal area coordinator in the PSU School of Music and Theater since 2006. She received her undergraduate training at Portland State and earned a master of music degree in vocal performance from Indiana University. She went on to pursue a successful career as a concert and opera soloist before coming to PSU as a faculty member. In 2017 she was named the Vollum Professor of Voice.

The March meeting begins at noon on March 19 with a potluck lunch in 333 SMSU. (Please see page 5 in this issue for more information.) At approximately 12:45 p.m. the group will make its way to 225 Lincoln Hall, where Meadows will speak and the PSU students will perform beginning at 1:00 p.m.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RAPS awards send message about retirees' contributions

EACH SPRING RAPS PRESENTS one or more awards. They are of two types: Outstanding Retiree Award and Special Recognition Award. An Outstanding Retiree



Award goes to one or more PSU retirees. The award recognizes retired faculty and staff for service to the Portland State, to the community, to their profession, and to RAPS.

The Special Recognition Award can go to anyone who has aided both RAPS and the University. This award may be given to persons not yet retired and even folks who are not, or were not, PSU faculty or staff.

Why does RAPS give these awards?

The awards communicate to Portland State administrators, faculty, and staff the importance of the unpaid work PSU retirees do on behalf of the University. Retirees sometimes keep active writing research grants. Retirees continue publishing journal articles, conducting groundbreaking research, mentoring young colleagues, and serving on committees and boards of their professional organizations. Some retired faculty and staff are working to preserve PSU history.

Recognition of volunteer work is important. In the recent past free parking for emeriti faculty was on the budget chopping block. Parking remained free once the administration was made aware of the number of volunteer hours contributed by retired faculty.

Many retired faculty continue to mentor students and to serve on master's or Ph.D. committees. Students benefit from having faculty continue on committees after retirement, because it minimizes the need to replace people on the committee. I am aware of a recent Ph.D. committee composed entirely of retired faculty (even the outside member was retired).

The awards also acknowledge the vital role PSU retirees play in the community. Some examples: serving as volunteers at nonprofits and senior services organizations, conducting trainings needed by community organizations, and serving on committees and advisory boards.

Please assist the Awards Committee in the future by seriously considering nominating deserving colleagues for a RAPS award.

—Steve Brennan

Sorry for our persistence, but please check your RAPS Directory listing

WE KNOW WE ASKED you last month, but just in case it slipped your mind, please check your listing in the 2017-2018 RAPS Directory. If it needs updating, please let us know.

Because RAPS is planning to publish a new directory later this year, it's important that we have accurate information for every RAPS member.

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

If you don't have a copy of the 2017-2018 edition, call or email Emily and she'll mail one to you.

Upcoming RAPS events

APRIL

Wednesday, April 15

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

MAY

Thursday, May 21

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL and presentation on "Vanport Placemaking Project: Remembering and Honoring Vanport's Significant Cultural History" by project leaders Maryhelen Kincaid and Mike Molinaro.

RAPS Group Reports

Book Group

THE BOOK GROUP met February 17 at the home of Felicia Wirtz to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. A Pulitzer Prize winner, it has won wide acclaim.

The setting is that of the protests that attempted to prevent timber harvests in western forests, told through the eyes of a variety of participants. The impact of these protests on lives, and the ethical issues raised, form the core of the book.

Felicia described the meeting: “For the first time I can remember we strayed from the book into a number of personal experiences by members who participated to a small extent in protest gatherings.

“As to the book itself, we all had the same feeling of bewilderment at the beginning but felt much better about it halfway through. We liked the fact that we were left wondering what (some characters) had decided to do.”

The Book Group will meet on March 17 at the home of Nancy Chapman, 4214 NE Hazelfern Place, Portland. We will discuss *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover, the story of a young woman who, after a childhood where she had no schooling, managed to leave her survivalist background and move very successfully into the world.

It has received considerable notice and we are looking forward to discussing it. Contact Nancy at 503-234-0162 or chapmannj@comcast.net to let her know whether you will be at the meeting.

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 Memorial Student Center (SMSU).

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).

Our next meeting will be on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 3, in 329 SMSU. 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

RAPS seeks nominations for 2020 retiree awards

KNOW SOMEONE who is a RAPS stalwart and also has been active in community service or University affairs or professional activity?

Of course you do. So why not nominate her or him for the 2020 Outstanding Portland State Retiree Award? There is a nomination form in the January RAPS Sheet or you can get one from the RAPS office. But you don't need a form—nominations on ordinary paper or by email are fine.

RAPS also bestows Special Recognition awards to any person, often a current PSU employee, who has aided RAPS and also is engaged in community or University affairs.

Please send nominations by U.S. mail to RAPS, Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751 or by email (you don't have to use the form) to rapsmail@pdx.edu. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Questions? Please contact Steve Brennan, chair of the Awards Committee, at the.steve.brennan@gmail.com or 503-646-6297.

Hiking Group

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, the RAPS Hiking Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Tryon Creek Nature Center, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, for a loop hike of approximately 3.4 miles.

The hike will take place in the Tryon Creek State Natural Area and Park, and we'll enjoy views of a thick, mossy forest, park wildlife, and several unusual bridges across the creek. There are frequent changes of elevation, which keeps the trail engaging, but no major elevation gains.

The group plans to have lunch at Nicoletta's Table in Lake Oswego, a short drive from the park.

For more information about the Tryon Creek Loop hike please see:

<https://www.hikingproject.com/trail/7075662/tryon-creek-loop>.

A map of the hiking area is available at: https://oregon-stateparks.org/index.cfm?do=main.loadFile&load=_site-Files%2Fpublications%2Ftryon_map.pdf

—Eileen Brennan

'Photographs by Larry Sawyer'

You've probably seen that credit adjacent to photos appearing in the *RAPS Sheet*. Larry is RAPS' volunteer photographer (among other duties), as well as the leader of the Hiking Group. Space limitations often prevent more than one of Larry's hiking photos from appearing in the newsletter, so with a bit more elbow room available in this edition, here are five of Larry's images from the Banks-Vernonia State Trail. By the way, that's Nancy Chapman on a bridge over Mendenhall Creek.



In memoriam: Roger Lee Moseley, 1928-2020

ROGER L. MOSELEY, who served Portland State for more than 20 years as a professor of business administration, died January 14 in Beaverton at age 91.

Professor Moseley was born June 5, 1928, in Bellingham, Washington, and grew up in Olympia. After serving in the Marine Corps, he earned a bachelor's degree from the

University of Washington in 1951 and an M.B.A. from Harvard in 1953.

He then moved to Hawaii, where he helped establish the University of Hawaii's Hilo campus. Professor Moseley served as director at the Hilo campus for six years, then moved to the Honolulu campus, where he was acting dean of

the college of general studies. He returned to the University of Washington and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1966.

The following year Professor Moseley joined the Portland State business faculty. During his PSU career he served as chair of the Department of Management, as the interim dean of the School of Business Administration, and on an advisory committee for the School's Advisory Board.

Professor Moseley published numerous professional papers and served on many school and University commit-

tees as well as community, professional, and honorary boards. In the 1970s and 1980s he helped US Bancorp's program to train and develop women employees for management positions.

It was at the School of Business Administration in 1967 that Professor Moseley met his future wife, Sylvia. They married on April 21, 1982, on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He continued his interest in boating with Sylvia; the couple owned two powerboats and a trimaran during their marriage.

Professor Moseley was an amateur magician, entertaining children in hospitals, schools, and birthday parties, as well as adults at parties and celebrations. Dr. M performed magic tricks while his sidekick, Tomato the Clown, made balloon animals. He was a competitive player of chess and table tennis who wouldn't hesitate to trounce his opponent just because they were his sons. He encouraged Roger and Randy to persevere until they could beat him fair and square.

He was also a car enthusiast, but with a touch of whimsy—he once added a performance exhaust system to the family's station wagon, making it sound like a hot rod. And it wasn't until he was 86 that he sold his sports car.

Professor Moseley is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his sons, Roger and Randy; his stepdaughter, Kim; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His brother, Spencer, and two half-sisters, Marguerite Clark and Doras McBride, predeceased him.

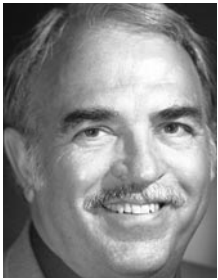
After retirement, Professor Moseley remained involved with the University and PSU athletics. Because he was a longtime fan and supporter of PSU athletics, family members ask that remembrances be made to PSU Athletics, PO Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Checks should be made payable to the PSU Foundation with a notation that the donation is in memory of Roger Moseley. Donations can also be made directly to the Viking Athletic Fund by visiting psuf.org/viking-athletics.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the ballroom of the Summerfield Clubhouse, 10650 SW Summerfield Drive, Tigard.

—Doug Swanson

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YOU'RE INVITED!

RAPS potluck dishes up food—and opera, too

RAPS' EVER-POPULAR spring potluck, on Thursday, March 19, highlights Portland State's Opera Program and its director, Christine Meadows, as well as RAPS members' favorite dishes.

Held in 333 Smith Center, the potluck starts at noon. At 1 p.m. we will move to 225 Lincoln Hall, where Christine will present members of the Portland State Opera Program performing excerpts from *Merry Wives of Windsor*.

If you'd like to show off your cooking talent, please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Main dishes and beverages, as well as plates and napkins, will be provided by members of the RAPS Board of Directors.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Eriksson by email at nan254@hotmail.com or by telephone at 503-913-7200.

See you on March 19!

—Nancy Eriksson

PORTUGAL

October 3-12, 2020



Portugal . . . RAPS is going there next October! Roman ruins, whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals. During our 10 days in Portugal, 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, you'll visit 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. Our trip is guided by Collette, a company with more than 100 years of experience.

Questions? Contact Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net.

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