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The RAPS Sheet

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Michael Alberty, wine writer for 'The Oregonian,' will give RAPS members the inside story on the history of pinot noir in Oregon at the October 20 meeting.

Wine, He Wrote: The mystery of who really planted Oregon's first pinot noir

MICHAEL ALBERTY, wine writer for *The Oregonian*, is the featured speaker at the October RAPS meeting.

His talk is titled "The Inside Story on Who First Planted Pinot Noir in Oregon. It Might Not Be Who You Think."

The meeting begins at noon Thursday, October 20, in 333 Smith Memorial Student Union, with a light deli lunch, followed by Alberty's presentation shortly after 12:30 p.m.

In addition to writing a weekly column

for *The Oregonian*, Alberty also covers Oregon, Washington, and Canada for *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. He turned to wine writing in 2018 after 16 years in what he calls "the wine trenches of Illinois and Oregon."

He has written about wine for numerous publications, including *Decanter*, *Wine & Spirits*, and *Sunset Magazine*. He has also published work in international environmental politics and major league baseball.

President's Reception for RAPS set for October 7

PRESIDENT STEVE PERCY welcomes RAPS members to campus Friday, October 7, for a private reception to be held at the Simon Benson House from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The president suggested the reception last April when he met with RAPS over Zoom. The President's Annual Luncheon for Retired Staff and Faculty, normally held every spring, has been canceled three years in a row due to the coronavirus

epidemic.

Appetizers from Basha's Mediterranean Cuisine will be on hand at the October 7 event, along with beer, wine, and soft drinks. Dress is business casual.

The Simon Benson House is located at 1803 SW Park Avenue.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Shireman makes a difference. Volunteer, and so can you.

THANK YOU, Joan Shireman!

Over the years, Joan Shireman has dedicated considerable time and effort to RAPS. Among other things, she has served as president of the organization, chaired the Book Group, been a longtime member of the Scholarship Committee, and served as chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for the last three years. We are very grateful for Joan's service to RAPS.

At the beginning of this academic year, she announced she would be stepping down from her leadership position on the Scholarship Committee. Under her leadership, the



Scholarship Committee has successfully raised funds each year to support a student studying at PSU in some aspect of gerontology. This past year, in collaboration with Pat Squire and as a result of a generous donor who

matched gifts given to the scholarship fund, she oversaw the establishment of a quasi-endowed RAPS scholarship. The additional funds also enabled RAPS to increase the amount of the scholarship it awards so that it more closely aligns with the cost of attending PSU. Named after a long-term member of RAPS who was instrumental in the establishment of the scholarship, the RAPS Robert Vogelsang Scholarship is now a permanent resource for PSU students.

In reflecting upon Joan's accomplishments, I am reminded of how important the volunteers who work on the committees are to RAPS. Indeed, it is through these committees and the work of those who serve on them that RAPS is able to accomplish all that it does. Serving on RAPS committees is a great way for members to become involved and help RAPS continue its valuable work of keeping its members connected to the University and to one another. I encourage you to consider participating in one of our standing committees, which include:

Awards Committee. RAPS gives two awards annually. The Outstanding Retiree Award recognizes recipients for their professional or career achievements and service to RAPS, Portland State, and/or the community. The Special Recognition Award recognizes recipients for their service to RAPS and Portland State. The Awards Committee solicits nominations for these awards and selects their recipients.

Election Committee. The elected officers of RAPS are: two co-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and three members-at-large. The Election Committee oversees the election of these officers, including nominating a slate of candidates for open positions, preparing a ballot and distributing it to members, and counting returned ballots.

History Preservation Committee. The RAPS History Preservation Committee focuses on ensuring that key aspects of Portland State University history are collected, preserved, reported on, and made available to our organization and other individuals and groups. Special projects of this committee include the development and distribution of historical records of Portland State University, periodic brief reports to RAPS members of historical highlights, and collaboration with the University Archives to fund, conduct, and record historical interviews with key personnel, and preserve key photographs.

Membership Committee. The Membership Committee recruits new members, and encourages current and past members to engage with the organization. It also maintains an updated membership database—ensuring contact information of members is current.

Program Committee. Throughout the year RAPS offers many excellent programs to its members. Generally, these programs are presented on the third Thursday of the month during the academic year. The Program Committee is tasked with planning and arranging for these programs.

Scholarship Committee. RAPS funds the RAPS Robert Vogelsang Scholarship. The committee raises funds for this scholarship and serves as the liaison between RAPS and the PSU Foundation and the Financial Aid Office. The committee also communicates with the scholarship recipient on behalf of RAPS.

Social Committee. A major aim of RAPS is to keep its members connected and engaged with one another. To this end, the Social Committee plans and arranges several events every year for members to gather and socialize with each other. These events are often coordinated with RAPS programs and include the summer picnic, holiday party, and spring potluck.

If you would like to know more about our committees or would like to participate in one of them, please feel free to contact me at allenj@pdx.edu or our co-president, Bruce Stern, at bruce@thesternfamily.net.

—Janine Allen

RAPS Group Reports

Book Group

THE BOOK GROUP met on September 20 to discuss *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin. Set in 1939 in London, it is a novel that celebrates the power of books to hold a community together.

It is the tale of a young woman who arrives in London just before the German air raids begin, and who is gradually drawn into participation in the community life. Hired to work in a bookshop, she does not like reading and has no knowledge of books. Gradually she discovers the pleasure in reading, first with others in the bookstore, and then in the air raid shelters.

Feeling the need to “do more,” she becomes an air-raid warden, with many horrific nights on patrol—duties that we had not known were part of that job. She learns to know and appreciate others in the bookstore and the community. In the end the destruction is so great that her bookstore is the last bookshop in London, and the community is mobilized to rebuild it after a bombing. Group members liked the book and thought they gained new insights into life in London during the Blitz.

The book we selected for October is *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon* by David Grann. Described as “a blockbuster adventure narrative,” it sounds as though it would be fun to read.

Perhaps as a reaction to having been in wartime London, the group decided it needed a “happy” book for November. We selected the novel *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams.

We hope it lives up to its title.

The Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Traditionally we have met in the homes of various members; currently we are using Zoom for our discussions and plan to continue in this way for a time. All RAPS members are welcome to join the group.

—Joan Shireman

Bridge Group

THE COVID TRANSMISSION new case counts are getting lower and the test positivity numbers are better, too. The RAPS Bridge Group has begun playing in person.

We need additional players; do you want to join us?

I would like to hear from any interested RAPS members, or others you know might want to play in our group. The RAPS Bridge Group does not require RAPS membership; your friends and relatives would be welcome to join us.

Please contact Steve Brennan, 503-889-0146. My email address is: the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

—Steve Brennan

Hiking Group

THE HIKING GROUP took to the Canby/Molalla logging road trail on September 27. Members hiked the logging road for two miles, then cut off the trail to Swan Island Dahlias, an open-air garden center with 35 acres of dahlias. They ended the day with lunch at the Backstop Bar and Grill in Canby.

If you wish to have your named added to the Hiking Group email list, please contact Tom Dieterich at tgdieterich@earthlink.net.

In memoriam: Hazel Nauman, 1929-2022

HAZEL NAUMAN, who served as assistant director of registration and records at Portland State, died August 22 in Milwaukie at age 93.

Ms. Nauman was born May 18, 1929, to Carr and Lucy Maffitt near Gaston, Oregon. She spent her early childhood on the family farm before the family moved to Sellwood. She graduated from Cleveland High School (then Clinton Kelly High School of Commerce) in 1948.

In 1948 Ms. Nauman married Leonard Hammond, and the couple had six children together. They were divorced in 1974. In 1977 she married Arthur Nauman and they made their home in Battle Ground, Washington.

Ms. Nauman retired from Portland State in 1994. She is survived by her children, Mark Hammond (Terri); Steven Hammond (Melanie); Laurie Patterson (Virgil); Denise Thill (Randy); Alison Heynderickx; Elizabeth Funk; and her stepchildren, Artie Nauman, Jill Polls, and Janice Hilberg; and 27 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; her parents; her brothers, Leslie and Oren; and her sisters, Nola, Doris, and Clara.

Donations in Ms. Nauman's memory may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Oregon City, or the Oregon Humane Society.



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Blamed and Ashamed:¹ PSU's role in national reform efforts to support families whose children have serious mental health conditions

For many years, children and youth with mental health conditions were neglected in federal and local policy and in the allocation of funds. Their families were generally excluded from decision making and services because of outdated theories about the causes of mental illness that assumed that families had contributed to their children's problems. Because their children didn't get needed services and support, parents and other caregivers encountered many financial, legal, scheduling, and emotional obstacles.

A major leap forward occurred in 1984, when Congress funded a national program, the Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP), designed to improve services for children and youth with serious mental health conditions. Most of these federal funds went directly to states and communities, but a portion of this money was allocated for research, evaluation, and sorely needed training/workforce development.

Some of these funds supported a Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health at the University of South Florida, and a Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health (RTC) at Portland State University, beginning with a five-year grant (1984) which extended for 25 years until 2009, when federal priorities shifted. Although the federal CASSP Program did not directly address possible contributions that families could make to system change, family input into grant preparation and service reform efforts was added as a grant requirement in Year 2.

The work of the PSU Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health (RTC) included activities and accomplishments conducted in partnership with family support organizations, federal partners, and researchers from other universities and community programs:

- **Planned and conducted regional conferences** entitled "Families as Allies" focused on improving communication and relationships between families and mental health, child welfare, education, and other service providers. Other meetings gave families, youth, service providers, and researchers a chance to learn from one another and share the results of innovations in service and research.

- **Along with the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, provided technical assistance and evaluation to a nationwide network of Family Support Organizations across the U.S.** Federal support for family support organizations that served entire states, working along with local, community-based organizations of family members, began in 1988 with five small grants to existing family support programs and expanded to 44 states in 2004. In 2021, 29 statewide family-run programs received federal grants to provide family support, information, and training. The PSU Research and Training Center was recognized by Elizabeth Sweet, public health adviser, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), during her presentation to a national audience in August 2021: "Portland [State University RTC] has been a partner from the very start. No one has been involved in this effort longer than Portland State."

- **Contributed to the knowledge base about children's mental health, and especially, the experiences, observations, and needs of families.** Especially striking was a lack of financing for community-based and residential services, along with negative and blaming attitudes of some mental health professionals, teachers, child welfare workers, and others. Lack of access to appropriate services for their children sometimes resulted in parents having to reduce their employment to care for their high-needs children, give up custody of their children to access needed services, and/or declare bankruptcy because of debts incurred while paying for services.

Not surprisingly, because the purpose of the Research and Training Center at PSU was to promote change in established systems, it was not without its critics. The RTC was able to carry on this important work because of continuous support from the PSU administration, including the president, provost, director of Graduate Studies and Research, and others. These contributions include providing financial assistance so that the RTC could hire graduate research assistants as a part of its research and educational mission.

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¹ Blamed and Ashamed (2001). Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Alexandria, Virginia.

In memoriam: Arthur Emlen, 1927-2022

ARTHUR COPE EMLEN, JR., professor emeritus of social work and the founding director of the Regional Research Institute for Human Services at Portland State, died September 3 in Portland. He was 95 years old.

Art was born August 11, 1927, in Aubury, Pennsylvania, to parents Arthur and Marie Emlen. He spent his early years



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with his three sisters, Sally, Ellie, and Marie, on a spacious family compound near Philadelphia. His first jobs were doing office work for the Provident Trust Company, trimming trees, and helping repair houses of the poor.

Art graduated from Germantown Friends School in the class of 1945.

Since the U.S. was engaged in World War II, Art was called up to do relief work with the American Friends Service Committee, transported horses to European farms, and helped arrange for repair of damaged homes.

After the war, Art enrolled in UCLA, and got a bachelor's degree in philosophy, which sparked his respect for empirical research. For the next two years Art directed an international group of volunteers who assisted with a land-reform project in El Salvador through the American Friends Service Committee, helping campesino families who earned new homes through working in fields.

He returned to UCLA in 1956 and embarked on a two-year master of social work program. He worked in rural child welfare placements and jobs where he met Charlene Gilmour (Bitsy) whom he married before they moved to New Orleans. Art earned a Ph.D. in social welfare from Tulane University in 1964, and the Emlens relocated to

Portland, where Art accepted an associate professor position to teach research methods and child welfare practice in the School of Social Work at Portland State University.

In 1973, the Regional Research Institute for Human Services was established with Art as its founding director, which he directed until his retirement in 1989. Art's RRI research was groundbreaking in a number of areas: neighborhood family day care, permanency planning for children in foster care, the ways employed parents arranged to have their children cared for while they were at work, and family support investments.

In 1987 PSU honored Art with the Branford Price Millar Award for his outstanding research on the relationship between work, family, and childcare. He also was recognized in 1987 for his "pioneering work in permanency planning... for all children who receive public child welfare services" by the Secretary of Health and Human Services Commemorative Award.

Art continued his scholarship after retirement, and received the RAPS Outstanding Retired Faculty Award in 1995 and 2019 for his continuing service and scholarship, including the 2010 publication of his influential book *Solving the Childcare and Flexibility Puzzle*.

Art passed away with family by his side. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, and their daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Robert Takahashi, parents of granddaughter Abby; their son, Andrew, and his wife, Audrey, parents of grandsons Riley and Conner; and their daughter-in-law Elana, who was married to their son, Matt Emlen, who died in 2019, parents of grandchildren Ariella, Estee, and Tali.

—Eileen Brennan, Professor Emerita of Social Work

Upcoming RAPS events.

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 17

A presentation by Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and general manager of Kristof Family Farms in Yamhill, Oregon, on the challenges facing Oregon and his vision for addressing them. In-person or Zoom to be determined.

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 8

Annual Holiday Party, Augustana Lutheran Church in Northeast Portland.

JANUARY

Thursday, January 19

William Comer, professor of Russian and director of PSU's Russian Flagship Program, speaking on the Russia-Ukraine War. In-person or Zoom to be determined.