



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 25th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Update: Our First Zoom Program Session

We successfully offered our first ICL gathering via Zoom on Tuesday morning. More than 80 members tuned in on various devices. Kasia welcomed us as our Executive Director and introduced the Board, along with Eric Reif who has agreed to emcee the programs this semester.

A short tribute to the members who passed away this last year was followed by a cello performance of Bach's "Arioso" by Steve Gram.

Our poet laureates, Betty Kasoff and Judy Vernelle, shared their inspirations for writing poetry and several of their original pieces. Vernelle included a poem written Tuesday morning after awakening to the red, smokey skies - a result of the nearby fires.

Becky Miller-Moe introduced the book that the group is invited to read this semester: "American Pandemic: The Lost Worlds of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic" by Nancy Bristow. ICL will not be purchasing books this semester to respect the COVID-19 protocols, however there are several used book stores and online sites that have the book available for purchase. We will be discussing the book on November 17.

If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the program, you can do so [here](#).

The **Curriculum Committee** met on September 3 to review the plan for Tuesday's first ICL gathering and to share the full semester schedule (Available at the ICL website as usual. This link to the Google Calendar is in the column on the right). Dru and Judy worked hard over the summer to create a program and the Committee is now looking ahead to Winter Semester. We do not know what our format will be at that time, so the Committee continues to plan for Zoom sessions. Ideas for program presenters should be sent to both [Judy and Dru](#). Please include as much information as possible to help them follow-up: Your name, the name of the presenter, their credentials and a short bio, a title and brief description of the presentation, and how to contact the presenter by phone and email. It is also helpful to know if you have seen or heard this person present.

Willamette U. Update:

The Willamette campus has reported four confirmed cases of COVID-19; three employees and one employee/student since August 24. They are all in self-isolation at the time of this writing.

Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- Virtual **Happy Hour** on Fridays at 4:30PM. [Zoom in here](#)
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL site.

The Fall 2020 Schedule is posted online:

- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#), also found online.

These presentations will all be online via ZOOM. You will receive an invitation for the classes.

[Salem librarians stay busy with curbside service, zombie escape rooms, craft demonstrations](#)

(click for more from the Salem Reporter)

Check out the Statesman Journal interactive [Fire Map!](#)

Zoom in and out; click on map for more info on that location.

Remind your grandchildren that the Sunday after Labor Day - **September 13** this year - is [National Grandparent Day!](#)

[2020 ROAD TO 270](#)

It takes 270 electoral votes to win the 2020 presidential election. This **interactive map**

Message from Carol Long, Provost (this version has been edited and shortened)

Dear Willamette Community Members,

I write to let you know of changes to our Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Jade Aguilar, Vice President for EDI, has accepted a position with ECONorthwest in Portland and will be leaving Willamette. Her last day will be September 17. Jade was an associate professor of sociology when she was hired as Willamette’s inaugural VP for EDI in 2017. She has guided the planning, coordination, and implementation of Willamette’s strategic goals for equity, diversity, and inclusion while also earning promotion to full professor. Her ability to collaborate with key stakeholders and groups at the university encouraged a more equitable and inclusive campus environment. Jade has been a leader, an advocate, and a voice for these important issues in our community and I want to recognize her exemplary work over the past three years. We will miss her greatly and wish her well in her new venture.

We are grateful that Karen Wood, Willamette University’s Chaplain, has agreed to lead our EDI work for this academic year. In this interim role, Karen will provide continuity for the work and projects Jade initiated, and will provide leadership for strategic thinking regarding EDI issues at all of our schools. In addition to being a trusted and respected voice, Karen brings a passion for advancing equity and inclusion on campus, drawing on her teaching, scholarly, and leadership experience. We are awaiting the results of the external review of the Office of EDI that was completed over the summer. Karen will use the findings from that review, as well as feedback from key stakeholders, to make recommendations for the future shape and structure of the office. Karen will remain the University Chaplain, but we will backfill her chaplain duties with a part-time assistant chaplain. In this interim period, the Office of EDI, which includes Multicultural Affairs, Native American Programs, and the Gender Resource and Advocacy Center will report to Lisa Landreman, Vice President for Student Affairs. We will announce interim plans for a Title IX Coordinator and will initiate a search for a permanent Title IX Coordinator.

Pres. Thorsett and I recognize that this work is of paramount importance to our campus community and know we can count on you to support Chaplain Wood as she continues the work of helping Willamette become a more inclusive and welcoming place to learn, work, and grow.

Sincerely, Carol Long, Provost

Tech Tip: Today@Willamette and other communications

The message above from Carol Long went out to the Willamette Community in an email. If you didn’t get it, then you must not have a current Willamette email account (@willamette.edu) which you could have as an active ICL member. A daily bulletin ([Today@Willamette](#)) is emailed to the Willamette community every morning during the academic year. This is the campus community’s comprehensive and official source for Willamette University news, announcements and

allows you to select the states that you think will go one way or the other and predict who might come up with the required number of electoral votes - and how. Don’t know where to start? *There are 3 possible starting places at the bottom.* Click on them to reset the map. Then make your own changes, state by state.

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[Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man - Episode9:](#)

Protesting the National Anthem pt.II - In part 2, NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell, sits with Emmanuel Acho to continue their Uncomfortable Conversation with a Black Man. Emmanuel asks Commissioner Goodell if players will be punished for taking a knee during the National Anthem. (part 1 was in [Vol. 24](#) last week)

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[Portland footbridge wins 2 international design awards](#)

The [Barbara Walker Crossing](#), a colorful footbridge on the Wildwood Trail as it crosses over West Burnside Road, received two [2020 CodaAwards](#) on Tuesday (article was posted Sept. 1st), beating out dozens of other architectural and artistic projects from around the world.

Portland’s footbridge won first place in the transportation category, and was one of three projects that won a [People’s Choice Award](#), determined by online voting this past spring. - Jamie Hale/The Oregonian

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events. You can check it daily for pertinent announcements including the Daily Update, Things to Know, Save the Date, Things to Do, etc. The goal is to make Today@ a one-stop shop to easily find and share information about happenings on campus.

To get a WU account, go to the "[Create Network Account](#)" tool on the Willamette website. Scroll down to "Creating the account" and click on the link there. It will ask you for your university ID# which is on your Compass Card. Let Dave MacMillan know if you have problems.

Once you have your WU account, receiving the daily Today@Willamette posts as well as other regular messages from President Steve Thorsett and other sources is automatic.

Convocation - Reckoning with Oregon's History - Part 1: Whiteness, White Supremacy & Resistance

Thursday, September 10, 2020 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Note: You will need your Willamette U. username and password

Come learn with historians and members of the Willamette community as we discuss the history of race and racism in Oregon over the course of this semester. This series will feature authors and topics from the [Oregon Historical Quarterly's](#) special issue entitled "**White Supremacy and Resistance**". Willamette students, staff and faculty will be able to download a free copy of the journal. Each session will feature an overview offered by the author of that week's article, small group discussion and Q&A.

This week's session will feature Dr. David Lewis speaking about his article, "**White American Violence on Tribal Peoples of the Oregon Coast.**"

Sessions are scheduled for Thursdays Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct 8, Oct. 22 and Nov 5, from 11:30 to 12:30 on Zoom.

To download the journal and for more information go to WU's [event calendar](#).

For the Zoom link, check Today@Willamette or the [Convocation Page](#).

Please note:

- *OHS needs to know how many people are using the ebook, so we ask that folks each download their own copy.*
- *Just like ICL members get the first chance to ask questions before guests do, please give the students the space to ask questions first, and if you do get a question in, keep it short and to the point.*

Contact: [Karen Wood](#), 503-329-4285



[Cone Chapel today - reconfigured for distance learning...and more!](#)

Book Recommendation (Dru Johnson): Who Moved My Cheese? by Spencer Johnson

An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life, published on September 8, 1998, is a motivational business fable. The text describes change in one's work and life, and four typical reactions to those changes by two mice and two "Littlepeople", during their hunt for cheese. (Wikipedia)

Tracy Ragland says "I found this on Facebook and it struck me as EXACTLY how I feel about ICL": I love people with obscure knowledge or useless academic insights. I want to hear your analysis of lighting in Ratatouille. Tell me about the history of soda pop or the references to classical mythology in Macbeth. I want to know about the underlying homoerotic context of that 1930's sci-fi paperback. I think all knowledge is worthwhile knowledge. Explain to me the ecosystems that komodo dragons inhabit. Don't be afraid to learn for the sake of learning.

Vocabulary: Elflocks (ELF-lahks) Part of speech: plural noun; Origin: Old English, late 16th century

1. A tangled mass of hair.

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