



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 146th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Update:

- Many of you will remember [Jean Christoffersen](#). Jean died January 8, 2023 at age 92. Jean was a member of ICL from September 1994 until mid-2018. Memorial services will be in Salem at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 1770 Baxter Road SE on **February 5th** at 2:00 pm. [Online obituary from the Statesman Journal](#); or you can read it on **page 4** below.
- **The February Schedule is posted [online](#) and in the [reports](#)!**
- **Curious** about the round objects on the tables in Kaneko Auditorium with the blinking red or green lights? These are microphones installed for Zoom classroom sessions during Covid. They are not used to spy on you. (Those are better hidden. 😊)
- Interested in being a child advocate as described by our recent speaker, **Vanessa Nordyke**? Here is a link for a description and more information about how to get involved.

<https://oregoncasanetwork.org/get-involved/what-is-a-casa/>

If you want to follow a couple of bills in the 2023 Regular Session that Vanessa mentioned:

- **HB 2417**: Relating to crisis intervention resources; and declaring an emergency. (From the 2021 session and signed by the governor)
- **HB 2757**: Relating to crisis services; prescribing an effective date.
- Anyone wanting to borrow a copy of the book that ICL is reading for Spring semester - “**All That She Carried**” by Tiya Miles - can email [Becky Miller-Moe](#) at rmillermoe@gmail.com. Please email Becky again when you’re finished reading so that she can pass the book on. Discussion will be in class on April 25th.

- **Join us for Happy Hour every Friday at 4:30 PM on [Zoom](#)**. Would you like to get to know your ICL members in a more informal way and have a chance to talk with them about topics other than ICL presentations? Come join us on Friday evenings from 4:30-5:30 at what we call “Happy Hour”. It is casual, virtual, and Covid-free! It’s ICL members who want to stay connected and have diverse conversations. No alcohol is necessary, but if you do choose to drink, you can do it in the comfort of your own home and not worry about drinking and driving. We’d love to ‘see’ you and get to know you better! Link: <https://willametteuniversity.zoom.us/j/92212104940>

By phone: Dial **1-253-215-8782** (Tacoma) | Meeting ID: **922 1210 4940**

Follow-up of the class last week on Philology and the origins of language (Thank you, Karen Trucke!): [Six books that will help you understand how we came to speak and write the way we do](#)

IN 1786 WILLIAM JONES, a British civil servant in Calcutta, told the Asiatic Society that Sanskrit had too much in common with Greek, Latin and other European languages for it to be by chance. He had stumbled on the fact that



Handy Links:

- [Link to ZOOM](#) for Board meetings, Happy Hour, etc.
- [Calendar](#): Classes, etc.
- [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Classes!](#)
- [More recordings](#) are available to members (password protected)
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the Website
- [ICL Virtual Happy Hour on Fridays at 4:30 PM.](#)
- [Oregon COVID-19 Update](#)
- [By OR. Health Authority](#)
- [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- [Statesman Journal COVID reports](#)
- [Find COVID19 Vaccines](#)
- [WU: Tips for navigating cold and flu season](#)

[Willamette University Events Calendar](#)

[LegiScan: OR Legislation 2023 | Regular Session](#)

[Oregon: How to Find a Bill or Vote Information](#)

[OLIS: 2023 Regular Session: To find a bill](#), Click on the Bills icon in the upper right

[Mid-Willamette Valley High Water Watch Gage Map](#) 💧

[NOAA: River Information and Forecast for the Willamette River at Salem](#) 💧

Good news story: [A doctor saved a Marine’s life in Vietnam. A photo just reunited them.](#)

[Five predictions for 2023.](#)

these languages all shared a single parent. That discovery helped initiate a flowering in the 19th century of what was then called philology.

- **The Power of Babel: A Natural History of Language**. By John McWhorter. Harper Perennial; 352 pages
- **Empires of the Word**. By Nicholas Ostler. HarperCollins; 640 pages
- **How Dead Languages Work**. By Coulter George. Oxford University Press; 240 pages
- **The Etymologicon**. By Mark Forsyth. Penguin; 304 pages;
- **Holy Sh*t**. By Melissa Mohr. Oxford University Press; 352 pages.
- **How Language Began**. By Daniel Everett. Liveright; 352 pages; \$19.95. Profile Books; £10.99
- **Also try:** You can listen to The Economist Asks talk with John McWhorter on swearing, delve further into the psychology of taboo words, read more about the evolution of language and consider the argument made by Johnson, our language columnist, in defense of studying classical languages.

[See more at this PDF from Karen Trucke](#)

Willamette University:

- **Retirement Celebration for Ross Stout's 35 years of Service Friday, January 27, 2023 | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM | Cat Cavern**
After 35 years of committed service, Ross Stout has retired from Willamette University. Beverages and light appetizers will be served. A brief program will begin at 4:45 pm on Friday 1/27. Please come and share your favorite memories of Ross!
- [Interactive map of Salem Campus](#)
- [Printable map of Salem Campus](#) (PDF)

Willamette University Annual Frost Lecture: In Search of Reconciliation on America's Stolen Lands

With **Margaret D. Jacobs**, Director for the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 (Willamette Day) | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Ford Hall | Film Studies Auditorium | Rm 122

Just beneath the stormy surface of our divisive times, a powerful counter current flows. Many Americans long to face up to the painful truths of how settlers violently dispossessed Indigenous people. They have a hunger for healing and reconciliation and are taking part in a rising social movement to reckon with and make amends for our haunted past. Professor Jacobs provides insights on how settlers and Indigenous people are working together to overcome the legacies of colonialism and co-create new relationships of respect and reciprocity.

Free and Open to the Public.

Professor Margaret Jacobs is the author of [After One Hundred Winters: In Search of Reconciliation on America's Stolen Lands](#).

Hosted by the Willamette U. History Department.

For more information or if you require disability accommodations, please contact Reyna Meyers at <rmeyers@willamette.edu> or (503) 370-6061.



Want more information about Salem Public Library events and activities?

Visit our [LibCal](#) calendar of events!

Movie Recommendation:

Take time to see “**A Man Called Otto**” starring Tom Hanks as Otto. Based on Fredrik Backman’s novel, “A Man Called Ove”, the Hanks family has done a wonderful adaptation that is both humorous and touching. The film follows Otto, an older man who has become a curmudgeon upon the loss of his wife from cancer. While other folks may be trying to live life in his Pittsburgh town, he's chosen to give up on finding happiness and seeing the good in people. But when a new family moves into the house next door, they immediately want to bring Otto into their fold. This leads him to soften up a bit and realize there is life after a great love - but it might not be the way he expected it.

Inventor Garrett Morgan

patented the three-signal traffic light in 1923 after witnessing a horrific accident. His design introduces a third position between go and stop to allow time for drivers to slow down. Morgan — who broke barriers at the time as a prominent, Black inventor — sold the patent to General Motors for \$40,000.

History vs. Hollywood

is a television show on the History Channel in the United States. On the show, experts are interviewed on

THIS WEEK AT YOUR SALEM CINEMA!

TWO ENCORE SCREENINGS!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 | 7:00 PM

[ONLY IN THEATERS](#) (Documentary Not Rated. 94 mins. in English) followed by Q&A with Greg Laemmle and what's sure to be a fascinating conversation about the film industry exhibition with our very own Loretta Miles, owner of Salem Cinema!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 | 7:00 PM

[THE ROOM](#) (Rated R. 99 mins. in English) including meet & greet, script reading with the audience & followed by Q&A with Greg Sestero...oh, hi Mark!

Greg Sestero returns to Salem Cinema for meet & greet, script reading with audience members and a Q&A following our screening of THE ROOM on Friday, January 27th at 7PM!

A bona fide classic of midnight cinema, Tommy Wiseau's misguided masterpiece subverts the rules of filmmaking with a boundless enthusiasm that renders such mundanities as acting, screenwriting, and cinematography utterly irrelevant!

Tickets on sale now!

[The Missoula Floods with Dr. Steve Taylor, Western Oregon University](#) (from member, Christine Chute)

Sat., January 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM
Polk County History Museum in Rickreall, OR

The Missoula floods are thought to have been a series of floods occurring in the Pacific Northwest at the end of the Ice Age. Dr. Steve Taylor, professor at Western Oregon University, will be presenting information on the Missoula floods and the impact these floods had on the Willamette Valley and Polk County.



PCHS Members: FREE | Non-Members: \$5.00 | **Non-Member Seniors: \$4.00**

Local and Virtual Events!

- [Hidden Histories: Ancient Art from the Permanent Collections](#)
January 3 - April 22, 2023 | **Hallie Ford Museum of Art** | Study Gallery
- Join **Chemeketa Cellars** in 2023 for one of their fun new [community education classes](#). Learn painting techniques while sipping Chemeketa Cellars wine, make a Mother's Day flower arrangement under the tutelage of a Chemeketa Horticulture instructor or expand your knowledge of Italian wines with their Wines of Italy wine appreciation series.
- [Adult Board Game Night at Salem Public Library:](#)
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 5:30-7:00 PM | Anderson Rooms A&B | Salem Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE
- [HATTITUDE: Hats from the Hatboxes of Willie Richardson](#)
January 6 – February 26, 2023 | **Bush Barn Art Center** | A.N. BUSH GALLERY
- **ICL Board Meeting:** Monday, February 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM via [Zoom](#)

the historical accuracy of a film that is based on a historical event.

The word “éclair” is derived from the French word for “lightning.”

The dessert got its name because it was so delicious that it was gobbled down in a flash.

[25 Classic American Landmarks Everyone Should See](#)

Beer History

Maize, or corn, has long been used for an ancient beer style called chicha, particularly in the Andes mountains of South America. Its origins predate Incan culture, and today it is still consumed in large quantities at festivals and celebrations. It is often made communally by chewing the grain and spitting it into a large pot, where it then ferments.

[Ninety-six fascinating discoveries in 2022.](#)

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Word to Know: Pied

(pihyd): adjective; Latin and Middle English, 14th century
1. Having two or more different colors

[Photographer captures the quiet beauty of snow.](#)

[23 astronomical events to look out for in 2023.](#)

Questions?
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Jean Esther (Spohn) Christoffersen

SALEM - Jean Esther Christoffersen (Spohn), 92, died January 8 in a memory care facility of natural causes.

She was born September 13, 1930 to Walter A. and Lydia F. (Walther) Spohn in Kenesaw, Nebraska.



Jean was an exceptional student at all levels. She began her education in Nebraska, but finished grade and junior high school in Long Beach California. The family relocated there during the Depression era. Missing the farm life of Nebraska, the family purchased a small farm in Gresham, Oregon in 1944. Jean attended Gresham Union High School and graduated in 1947. After that she attended Multnomah College earning an Associate in Science Business Administration degree in 1949. She was elected to Multnomah College's Tyee Honor Society for extra-curricular activities.

In October 1950 she married Carl Lee Christoffersen in Gresham. They lived two years in San Francisco, 1951 - 1953, during the Korean War where Carl was stationed at the Sixth Army Headquarters. Afterwards, they lived in Portland until 1971 when the family moved to Salem.

Her work life started at Montgomery Wards in downtown Portland. She utilized her accounting background working at a brokerage in San Francisco, and working for Harry Middleton in Portland. After raising two sons, she returned to work initially at Chemeketa Community College before joining the State of Oregon Mental Health Division in the accounting department. She worked there for 20 years until her retirement. She also served as the church accountant for Our Savior's Lutheran Church for five years.

In her retirement, Jean enjoyed attending the symphony in Salem, helping support blood drives, and counting offerings at her church. She became a member of the Institute of Continued Learning at Willamette University for many years.

Survivors include her two sons, Mark A. of Vancouver Washington, and Gregg W. of Portland Oregon.

Memorial services will be in Salem at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1770 Baxter Road SE on February 5th at 2:00 pm.

Contributions can be made to her church or charity of choice.