



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

## Welcome to the 99th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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### ICL Update:

- [MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2022 Results](#): Please note that the purpose of the survey was to inform the board when making schedule decisions for meeting again in person in the fall. The survey results were not the only consideration. (see below)

Total: Σ=212	POLL QUESTIONS - Total Responses = 122
31	4 hours a day, 2 days a week (as we did pre-pandemic)
25	3 hours a day, 2 times a week
50	3 hours a day, once a week
31	2 hours a day, 2 times a week
75	Once a week (2 or 3 hours) plus a second day occasionally (field trips, social events, topical presentations, etc)

- **ICL Board Meeting (February 17th):**
  - The board voted to meet 2 hours a day twice a week in the Fall - same as the current schedule except we expect to be meeting in person. This decision is intended to transition back to in-person classes without the addition of a major schedule change, introduce new members to a more traditional ICL environment, and give the Curriculum Committee a clear plan to begin scheduling for the Fall semester.
  - Dues will be charged for next year: **\$165** per member regardless of if in person or on Zoom. *Stay tuned for more information on payment.*
  - The **March board meeting** was moved from March 17th to Tuesday, **March 15th** to make the decision of whether or not to meet in person or continue via Zoom and give presenters and members a little more time to make adjustments.
- **New! Presentation Suggestion Form:** Have an idea for an ICL presentation? A topic? An issue? A person you would like to hear more from? A presentation that *you* would like to do? Fill out this form, and your suggestion will be seen by members of the ICL Curriculum Committee. *Thank you!* [Presentation Suggestion Form](#)
- **Boosted?** Remember to email a digital photo of your vaccination card showing that you have received the booster shot to [vernelle.judy@gmail.com](mailto:vernelle.judy@gmail.com). You will need to do this before attending ICL classes when we are able to meet in person again.

### Become a Lifelong Learning Instructor and share a talent!

Center 50+ of Salem is looking for instructors/hobbyists for the following:

- Arts and Crafts (acrylic painting, watercolor, crochet, knitting, jewelry beading)
- History
- Music/Fine Arts
- Literature
- Spanish Instruction
- Tech Team

For more information call  
503-588-6303 or email  
[bkatich@cityofsalem.net](mailto:bkatich@cityofsalem.net)

### Handy Links:

- Link to [ZOOM](#) classes, Board meetings, Coffees, Happy Hour,... almost all things ICL
- [Calendar](#): Classes, etc.
- [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Classes!](#) More recordings are available in the [password protected area](#) for members only. Others are not available at all without permission from the presenter.
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the Website

### Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30 PM.
- [ICL Wine Club](#) on the third Monday each month at 4:30 PM.

[OHSU: COVID-19 Resources for Oregon](#)

[CDC: OVID-19 Mortality Overview](#)

[WU COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### Black History Month:

- **A Virtual Public Reading: [The Bluest Eye with Toni Morrison](#) - February 23 & 24 | 4:00 PM PT. [FREE TICKETS](#)** Help Us Advance Racial and Social Justice Through Literacy Education.
- [A Hidden History](#) - This is a timeline that was created by Walidah Imarisha and originally published in *Oregon Humanities* magazine.
- [Documentary: Attica](#) (Free during Black History Month - on [YouTube](#)) Full Documentary; legendary filmmaker Stanley Nelson's

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## Willamette University Update:

- **Willamette History Department Frost Lecture 2022: “Empire and the Origins of Multiculturalism: Migration, Citizenship, and Rights in Postwar Britain,”** with **Radhika Natarajan**, Assistant Professor of History & Humanities at Reed College

**Thursday, March 3, 2022 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Willamette Law Library 201 | John C. Paulus Lecture Hall**

In the years after World War II, Europe saw a rise in migration from former colonial territories and a racist backlash to their presence. In this lecture, Radhika Natarajan examines the politics of integration in post-imperial Britain, focusing on the struggles of Caribbean and South Asian migrants to secure their social rights.

- *This event is free and open to the public.*
- *Masks are required and please present your vaccination card at the door.*

For more information: [Willamette Events page](#)



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## Salem City Club presents: Oregon’s Broken Primary System with Phil Keisling

**Friday, March 4, 2022 | 12:00 PM | Zoom Webinar**

Well-known political analyst and former Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling thinks Oregon has built an enviable reputation for its leadership in enacting some of America's most "pro-voter" policies.



In 2000, we were the first state to automatically mail ballots to all active registered voters; this "Vote at Home" approach will be used in 8 other states in 2022. In 2015, Oregon was the nation's first state to adopt Automatic Voter Registration, by which eligible citizens can be registered as new voters or can have their existing records updated. This approach is now used in more than 20 states.

But in one area, Keisling thinks Oregon continues to be a “national laggard.” Oregon still runs so-called "closed" primary elections, by which voters are required to be a member of a major political party to participate in choosing nominees for key offices, including US Senator, Congress, Governor, and state legislature. Oregon's Non Affiliated Voters (NAVs) now number more than 1 million -- more than either the Democratic or Republican parties can claim as members - and more than half of all 18-34 year old voters fall in this category. But as explained by Keisling, “These voters are now typically shut out of these taxpayer-funded primary elections -- which more often than not effectively decide who'll prevail in the general elections.”

America's increasingly polarized politics have brought renewed interest to this topic. Please join Phil Keisling in a discussion about a number of potential ways to fix this situation, many of which have now been adopted

new documentary has been nominated for the 1st Oscar in his 3-decades-long career documenting the Black American experience.

- [From the CDC: Racism and Health](#)
- [OPB: A century ago, the Ku Klux Klan terrorized Southern Oregon](#)
- [OPB: Think Outloud - Author Brit Bennett explores race and identity in her work](#)

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### Book Recommendation: **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi

Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery.

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[School boards, burnout, equity: 11 education bills to watch this legislative session](#)

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### Olympic History:

Anders Haugen received a bronze medal in ski jumping at the age of 86 — 50 years after he originally competed. Haugen earned third at the 1924 Olympic Games, but a scoring error knocked him down to fourth and it wasn't corrected until 1974

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**The first Olympian to be featured on a Wheaties box** was track and field gold medalist Babe Didrikson. Her picture appeared on the back of the cereal packaging in 1935.

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[6 Sports That Are No Longer in the Olympics,](#)

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**In Colombia, roasted ants are a popular movie theater snack.** Not just any ants, however — the

in states across the U.S., including Alaska, Washington, California, Colorado, and Maine.

[Register for March 4](#) (free to Members | Non-Member: \$5.00)

### [The Art Department Presents: Tiny Art Show](#)

**Show:** February 4-26, 2022

**Concrete Gallery** (in the back of Art Department)

254 Commercial St NE, Salem, OR

Come explore the whimsy and wonderful world of wee things. This community art show has over 70 pieces of art, sized three inches or less. Magnifying glasses, as well as tiny programs, guide you through the miniature experience with dollhouses posing as museum spaces. Quirky and heart-warming!



### Local and Virtual Events!

- **MUSIC: At Christo's Lounge** - from Solveig Holmquist
- **CCRLS Community Wellness and Recovery Workshops** - throughout January, February and March. Free with Registration.
- **WU Theatre: Wayfinding**, by Whitney Rowland - Directed by Lava Alapai; Runs through March 27th. Made-for-film staging (think Great Performances) [More info and ticketing](#)
- **Camerata Musica Salem:** at the Unitarian Universalist (UU) church unless specified, 5090 Center Street (Center Street and Cordon Road NE). *COVID protocols for all the concerts at the UU church include proof of vaccination, masks, and a contact tracing log.*
  - **February 27 Concert:** Don't forget our February 27 concert: spectacular violin-piano duo Anthea Kreston and Jean-David Coen play an all-Brahms program described in the last newsletter. **2:30 PM**
  - **March 6 Concert: Piano Trio** - On March 6, just one week later, Hae-Jin Kim, violin; Heather Blackburn, cello; and Maria Garcia, piano will bring us an outstanding program: a trio sonata by the early-18th-century composer Loeillet de Gant, then a trio by Joaquin Turina, which I find exhilarating, and the masterful Beethoven Op. 70 no. 1, known as the "Ghost" Trio because of the spooky qualities of the second movement. This concert will also be at **2:30 PM**, and also at the UU church.
  - **February 26: McKay Chamber Orchestra** - A bonus this Saturday evening, February 26: Hal Grossman, violinist and professor at the University of Oregon, joins the McKay High School Chamber Orchestra in a performance of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. That concert will be at **7:00 PM** at the **Elsinore Theater**. This is a benefit for the McKay music program. [Ticket on sale here](#)
- **Voices of the Past: Writing Contest Reading and Awards - A Salem Reads Event** - Sat., February 26th | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Hear the fascinating stories inspired by the ancestors of Salem's writers at this reading of a selection of fictitious diary entries. Prizes!

treat is made with a species of winged leaf-cutter ants known in Spanish as "hormigas culonas" (which translates literally to "big-bottom ants").

### Swedish firm trains crows to pick up cigarette butts

Swedish enterprise **Corvid Cleaning** is testing a reward-based system where crows picking up cigarette butts and drop them into a trash can. Peanuts are then dispensed as a reward.

### Arctic Sinkholes

Colossal explosions shake a remote corner of the Siberian tundra, leaving behind massive craters. In Alaska, a huge lake erupts with bubbles of inflammable gas. Scientists are discovering that these mystifying phenomena add up to a ticking time bomb, as long-frozen permafrost melts and releases vast amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

[Watch on Nova](#)

### Word to Know: Corybantic

(kor-ə-BAN-tik) adjective  
Origin: Latin, 17th century  
1. Wild; frenzied.

**So far you've survived  
100% of your worst days.  
You're doing great!  
- Norm Kelly**

### Son Photoshops dad into iconic movie scenes.

### Portland makes the list of the 10 Cleanest Cities around the World.

### Ranking the best Girl Scout Cookies.

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