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Oregon universities submit comments on proposed Title IX changes

PSU and other Oregon universities recently responded to the U.S. Department of Education's proposed Title IX changes to sexual assault guidelines. "We have concerns that the new regulations will create additional barriers to students and employees reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault," wrote representatives from The Oregon Council of Presidents and Oregon public universities' Title IX coordinators. [Read highlights](#) from the Oregon universities' comments with links to the complete letters sent to the Department of Education.

Arts dean to give recital

Leroy Bynum, Jr., isn't just the dean of the College of the Arts—he's also an accomplished tenor. For his first recital in Portland, he'll explore the musical legacy of slavery in "My Soul is a Witness: Spirit and Spirituality in the Songs of America's Enslaved." He is accompanied on piano by Chuck Dillard, Music & Theater faculty. The free recital is Sunday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Recital Hall. [READ MORE](#)



Library announces faculty grant program

A new faculty incentive program from Portland State University Library's Open Education Initiative aims to encourage instructors to find more affordable ways to deliver learning materials to their students. The High-Impact Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant Program supports faculty who are interested in adopting, adapting or creating open educational resources as alternatives to traditional textbooks. Applications are due March 1. For more information and to apply, visit the [Open Education Initiative website](#).



Beyond Trump's wall: Art exhibit explores idea of borders

Amid national debate over immigration and the Trump administration's desire to build a border wall, a new art exhibit on campus hopes to challenge the public to think about borders and barriers in a new light. "Borders: Representation and Reality" runs through Feb. 27 at the School of Art + Design's MK Gallery, second

floor, Art Building, 2000 SW 5th Ave. The exhibit features paintings, photography, video and other works from six U.S. and international artists, some of whom are immigrants or children of immigrants. There will also be a panel discussion Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. as part of the exhibit. [READ MORE](#)

Fund renamed to honor late employee

The Office of International Affairs has renamed its International Student Aid Fund in honor of the late Paula Harris, a longtime employee who passed away last summer. "Paula was a warm-hearted, thoughtful person who took a lot of personal interest in the students she advised," according to Christina Luther, director of the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. The fund, which is entirely donation-based, provides emergency assistance to international students who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties. The office is more than halfway to its goal of raising \$10,000. For more information about the Paula Harris International Student Aid Fund, [visit the OIA website](#).

Notices

Congratulate undergraduate students who made the fall term [President's Honor Roll](#) and [Dean's Honor Roll](#) lists. See the [qualifications here](#).

Purchase tickets for the day-long, interactive social innovation gathering, [Elevating Impact Summit](#), hosted by The School of Business on March 15 at the Portland Armory.

Register now for lectures, workshops and networking opportunities at the [Fifth Annual Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs](#) April 5 in Smith Union. Free for PSU faculty.

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[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Southern Utah](#)

[PSU Guitar Series: Scott Kritzer](#)

February 17
[My Soul is a Witness: Spirit and Spirituality in the Songs of America's Enslaved](#)

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