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THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE of Currently for the 2018-19 academic year. The newsletter will be published once in midsummer and will resume weekly publication in the fall.

Excellence award recipients named

Portland State faculty and academic professionals are being recognized this spring with 2019 [excellence awards](#) for their outstanding research, scholarship, service, and dedication to our students and our academy. The winners are Sarah Beasley, David Cadiz, Jack Corbett, Christina Gildersleeve-Neumann, Beth Green, Karen Hanson, Deborah Lutterschmidt, Travis McFeron, Claudia Meyer, Steve Reichow, Yoko Sakurauchi, Becky Sanchez and Scott Wells.



Honoring outstanding individuals at school and college commencements

Renowned individuals will be honored and speak at the six school and college commencement ceremonies planned for June 14-16. Psychologist and author Doreen Dogen-Magee will address graduating students at the [College of Education](#) ceremony on Friday at the Viking Pavilion. Alumnus and local business leader Rick Miller will receive a Presidential Medal at the first of three [School of Business ceremonies](#) on Saturday also at the Viking Pavilion. Israel Bayer, director of the weekly newspaper *Street Roots*, will receive an honorary degree and speak at the [Moda Center on Sunday](#) at the morning ceremony. Alumnus and political cartoonist Jack Ohman will receive an honorary degree during that day's afternoon ceremony, where Sen. Jeff Merkley will be the featured speaker.

Bielavitz promoted to Library dean

Recognized by his colleagues as a capable leader with a wealth of experience at PSU, Tom Bielavitz has been promoted to Library dean effective July 1. For the past 17 months, Bielavitz has served as interim dean. He joined the Library in 2006 and was most recently assistant librarian for administrative services, planning and digital initiatives. Bielavitz's promotion was made following a review by a provost-appointed committee, which held an open campus forum with Bielavitz in mid-May. [READ MORE](#)

New Social Work dean announced

Following a national search, Jose Coll has been appointed dean of the PSU School of Social Work effective July 1. He replaces Dean Laura Nissen, who is stepping down to return to faculty. Coll has been director of the School of Social Work at Texas State University since 2016. Previously he was founder and director of the Office of Veteran Student Services at Saint Leo University in Florida. [READ MORE](#)



Build community with OAI's online book group

PSU graduate students, instructors and staff are invited to join the Office of Academic Innovation's Digital Book Group this summer. From Aug. 15–Sept. 19, participants will read *An Urgency of Teachers: The Work of Critical Digital Pedagogy*, and join weekly virtual chats hosted by OAI via Zoom and Twitter. The first virtual meeting will take place Thursday, Aug. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. [RSVP](#) to learn more and join the virtual meeting, and follow [#OAIBookGroup](#) and facilitators Jamie Wood ([@JaimeRWood](#)) and Lindsay Murphy ([@AcademicGoose](#)) on Twitter.

Diversity Awards recognize dedication

Faculty members Elena Aviles and Javier Casado Perez and staff members Eunice Makinde and Perla Pinedo were honored at the President's Diversity Awards event on May 30. The Department of Planning, Construction and Real Estate along with five students, an alumnus and an initiative team were also presented awards for their advocacy, engagement, support and accomplishments. [READ MORE](#)

Free furniture available to faculty, staff

Housing & Residence Life is giving away old furniture to make room for updated sets, and faculty and staff are invited to take as many pieces as they want. The furniture is 10–15 years old and made of sturdy wood in a medium finish. The pieces are not broken, but do show signs of normal wear and tear. Available items include three-drawer desks, three-drawer dressers, chairs, twin mattresses, and hollywood bed frames. Furniture will be available for pickup at the Ondine entrance on Hall Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 27, July 11 and July 18. Email housing@pdx.edu with any questions.



Notices

Staff and faculty are invited to shop at the Adidas employee store, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Suite 209, through June 10 by showing their PSU ID. Learn more on the [Human Resources Employee Discounts website](#).

Portland State's Single Sign-On page [will get a new look](#) on June 17, but the functionality will remain the same. This page comes up when signing into Banweb, Odin Account Manager, Google's G Suite, and other sites.

On September 19 and 20, the Transportation Research and Education Center at PSU is hosting the [11th annual Transportation & Communities Summit](#) connecting national mobility-focused research to local practice.

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EVENTS

- June 3**
[Jumpstart: Faculty Academic Writing Group](#)
[PSU Faculty Senate Meeting](#)
[PSU Vocal Collective Concert](#)
- June 3, 5, 7, 10, 12**
[School of Architecture Final Reviews: Spring 2019](#)
- June 4**
[HR Training: New Employee Orientation](#)
[Music Student Showcase](#)
[Kyogen! Dance! Drums!](#)
- June 5**
[HR Training: EPAF](#)
[How to Include Business in Community Resilience Planning?](#)
[Final Band Concert](#)
- June 6**
[Chuck-it for Charity](#)
[Jumpstart: Faculty Academic Writing Group](#)
[Jumpstart Faculty Summer Research and Citation Management with Zotero](#)
[Noon Concert: Gabriella Frank Concert & Presentation](#)
[Biology Seminar: Microbes vs. Chemistry in the Origin of the Anaerobic Gut Lumen](#)
[PSU Women in STEM Talk and Reception](#)
- June 7**
[D2L and Donuts Faculty Drop-in](#)
[Why Theory Matters, Or How a Derridean Became a Marxist](#)
[HR Training: Ableism Awareness](#)
[Maseeh Mathematics & Statistics Colloquium: Horseshoes with Heavy Tails](#)
[School of Film Spring Showcase](#)
[PSU Community Chorus Spring Concert](#)
- June 8**
[Family Friendly Commencement](#)
- June 10**
[HR Training: New Employee Orientation](#)
[HR Training: Timesheet and Leave Approval Lab](#)
[Free Food Market](#)
[Support Student Snack Station at Chipotle Fundraiser](#)
- June 13–15**
[Pop-Up Swap](#)
- June 14**
[College of Education Commencement Ceremony](#)
[Environmental Science & Management End of the Year Celebration & Award Ceremony](#)
[History End of Year Reception and Awards Ceremony](#)
[Chemistry Commencement & Awards Ceremony](#)
[Multicultural Graduation 2019](#)
- June 15**
[The School of Business Commencement Ceremonies](#)
- June 16**
[Moda Center Commencement Ceremonies](#)
- June 17**
[Faculty & Staff Golf Tournament](#)
[HR Training: Employee Lab: Timesheet or Leave Reports](#)
[FS Training: AP Policy](#)
[HR Training: Development Planning Workshop](#)
- June 18**
[OIT Workshop: PSU CampusNexus CRM Training](#)
[FS Training: PCard Policy](#)
- June 20**
[Emerging Trends in Brain Health: Advancing Research and Equity Across Systems](#)
[FS Training: Travel Policy and Viking Travel](#)
- June 25**
[OIT Workshop: Intro to Cognos \(DataMaster\)](#)
[OIT Workshop: Exploring Cognos Reports](#)
- June 28**
[HR Training: Benefits Only Information Session](#)
[Transportation Seminar: Challenges and Considerations for Travelers Who Have Visual Impairments](#)

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

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- Athletics News & Schedules
- Training & Development
- Grants
- HR Policies, Contracts and Forms
- University Policy Library
- University Place Hotel & Conference Center