

OCTOBER 5, 2015

Named to 'Smart Cities' initiative

Portland State and the city of Portland will partner on a series of “smart city” projects over the next year as part of a national MetroLab Network initiative, announced at the White House Sept. 14. They are among 20 city-university pairings throughout the United States. Planned projects include a focus on Portland’s mass-transit system, including traffic sensors, air-quality testing, neighborhood surveys and transit station art installations. [READ MORE](#)

New associate VP of research named

Lisa Zurk, Maseeh professor of electrical and computer engineering and an expert in remote sensing techniques, has been appointed associate vice president for research. Zurk replaces Mark Sytsma, freshwater ecologist and environmental science professor, who will return to his faculty role. In her new position, Zurk’s main role will be to help grow the competitive research enterprise at PSU. [READ MORE](#)

Remembering Orcilia Forbes

A memorial service for former Portland State administrator Orcilia Zuñiga Forbes will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in Hoffmann Hall. Forbes, a second-generation Mexican American, started at Portland State in the mid 1960s. She served as assistant director of Health Services, dean of Students, and from 1978 to 1988 was one of the first women to hold a high-ranking University post as vice president of Student Affairs. [READ MORE](#)

Members sought for Campus Public Safety committee

PSU is seeking applicants to serve on a special committee for campus safety. [The Implementation Advisory Committee for Campus Public Safety](#) is looking for students, faculty and staff to serve on the committee, which will “provide counsel, advice and oversight to campus leadership to advance overall public safety at PSU.”

Walk your way to good health

Walktober is a free, 31-day walking challenge open to the entire PSU community. Create an account and compete as an individual or team.

Log your minutes, earn incentives, meet others through weekly guided walks, get outside and be active. [READ MORE](#)

Nominations sought for honorary degree candidates

The campus community is invited to nominate candidates for a PSU honorary degree to be awarded at the 2016 Spring Commencement. The University seeks nominations of individuals who have outstanding scholarship or artistic accomplishments or have performed exceptional public service. Nomination packets must be received in the Office of Academic Affairs by Oct. 30. [READ MORE](#)

\$3.5 million NIH grant on hazards of e-cigarettes

Portland State researchers will expand their groundbreaking research into possible toxins produced during e-cigarette use, or “vaping,” with a \$3.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The NIH grant will allow Professor Robert Strongin (pictured here) and co-investigators James F. Pankow and David Peyton, to launch a larger-scale investigation into the mostly unknown public health effects of e-cigarettes. [READ MORE](#)

Social capital research symposium

Build connections, capacity, and opportunity at the Social Capital Research to Action Symposium 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the PSU Native American Student and Community Center. Hosted by Institute for Sustainable Solutions and Center for Public Health Studies at Portland State, the free symposium will bring together researchers, practitioners, and community members interested in understanding best practices, difficulties and benefits of increasing social capital to improve the health and well-being of our communities. Lunch is provided and free tickets can be reserved by Oct. 16. [READ MORE](#)

Day of Service offers up fun

Archiving artwork for Project Grow, making cookies at Ronald McDonald House, and winterizing the Urban Harvest Garden in northeast Portland are just three of the 12 projects planned for [Portland State of Mind Day of Service](#) Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event includes free lunch, morning refreshments, and a keynote talk by Social Work instructor Lisa Hawash. Staff, faculty and students—and their families and friends—are encouraged to sign up by Oct. 10 for priority placement. This event is one of more than 50 planned for [Portland State of Mind, Oct. 22-31](#).

Eat, drink and be merry

Second Thursday Social Club for faculty and staff is Oct. 8 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Office of Academic Innovation, 209 Smith Union Mezzanine. There will be a cash bar and free food will be provided by Athletics.

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[Accreditation Site Visit Faculty Session](#)

[Multicultural Welcome Week: The Gathering: Black Faculty, Staff and Student Meet & Greet](#)

October 8

[Accreditation Site Visit Staff Session](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: IWO Flute Quartet](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Accessibility Toolkit](#)

[Open hours in the Smith Permaculture Garden](#)

[Show & Tell](#)

[Fire as a Complex Social Practice: A Look at Indigenous Landscapes Management in Western North America](#)

[Faculty & Staff Second Thursday Social Club](#)

[Multicultural Welcome Week: Latino/a Faculty, Staff and Student Meet and Greet](#)

[Cultures of the Sephardic Diaspora: A Weekend of Music & Learning](#)

October 9

[Accreditation Site Visit Preliminary Results](#)

[Breast Cancer Patients' Surgical Decision-Making Urgency](#)

[Little Vikings Open House](#)

[2015 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Presentation](#)

October 10

[Outdoor Program Trip: French's Dome Climbing](#)

[Outdoor Program Trip: Opal Creek Backpacking](#)

October 12

[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

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[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Colligan Men](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Collaboration in Online Classes](#)

[The Story of Pendleton Woolen Mills in Japan](#)

[Post Typography: Greatest Misses](#)

PEOPLE

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