

OCTOBER 12, 2015

## Celebrate groundbreaking of new Business Administration building

The Portland State community is invited to the official groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation and expansion of the School of Business Administration building at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. The event will be held in the school's outdoor courtyard at 631 SW Harrison St., and will be followed by a reception and community mixer at 4 p.m. The project, which includes the addition of 38,000 square feet on its north side, will add more classrooms, a five-story atrium, study rooms, event space and common areas. The expansion is due for completion in 2017, and will nearly triple the size of the building. [READ MORE](#)

## Senate approves graduate certificates

Last week, the PSU Faculty Senate approved new interdisciplinary graduate certificates in Business Intelligence and Analytics and in Sustainable Food Systems. The School of Business Administration certificate will build on existing courses from Mathematics and Statistics, Engineering Technology Management, and System Science, as well as new Business courses. The Food Systems certificate, offered by the College of Urban and Public Affairs, draws on the foundations of Public Administration, Community Health, Urban Studies, Urban and Regional Planning, Business and Sustainability Education. [READ MORE](#)

## Researching how cities fare in extreme climate events

Portland State faculty are part of an international, interdisciplinary research project to study how urban areas can be more resilient to increasingly common extreme weather events. Portland will be one of nine cities in the Urban Resilience to Extremes Sustainability Research Network, a five-year project involving more than 25 institutions and 70 collaborators funded by \$12 million from the National Science Foundation. The PSU team is coordinated by Thad Miller and includes Heejun Chang, Jennifer Morse, Vivek Shandas and Alan Yeakley. [READ MORE](#)

## Peer Mentor program wins national award

The [University Studies Peer Mentor Program](#) recently won a national award recognizing its extensive preparation of mentors, positive impact on mentors and students, and its support of online learners. The 2015 Exemplary Program Award for Co-Curricular Learning from the Association for General and Liberal Studies acknowledges how this program provides students with a sense of community and connection to the University that contributes to retention and student success. The Peer Mentors have been a central feature of the University Studies program for 20 years, with more than 90 mentors supporting thousands of PSU students annually.

## Portland State Magazine is available now

The University's role in Portland's evolving mass transit system; the award-winning My Life program for youth transitioning out of foster care; and Ooligan Press, the student-run publishing house are some of the stories in the newest issue of *Portland State Magazine*, available now. All articles can be read on the [Portland State Magazine website](#), and PSU departments should have received physical copies through campus mail.

## New athletic representative named

Brian Janssen is the new faculty athletic representative for the University. He replaces Professor Bob Lockwood who held the post for 31 years. The representative helps ensure that academic standards are maintained and NCAA rules protecting student athletes are followed. Janssen is associate director of PSU Student Activities and Leadership Programs. He earned a doctorate in higher education and students affairs from Ohio State University.

## 'All in the Hall' waste collection

Wondering why there's no trash bin in your classroom? In an effort to divert and decrease overall waste in campus buildings, the [Campus Sustainability Office](#) uses an "All in the Hall" centralized waste collection program at PSU. Classrooms don't have stand-alone trash bins, but larger trash bins are available in the hallways of buildings. Along with centralizing waste collection, the program is meant to encourage individuals to consider their impacts on the waste stream.

## Marshallese canoe builder comes to PSU

Traditional Marshallese canoe builder Tiem Clement is working on campus fall term building a 25-foot traditional

Marshallese outrigger canoe in celebration of Pacific Island cultures and the people of the Marshall Islands. The community is invited to learn more about the project, create Marshallese crafts and enjoy a free meal from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 in the Native American Student and Community Center. An Intertribal Canoe Cultures Presentation is planned for Nov. 18. [READ MORE](#)

## Faculty are invited to...

[Submit one-year research projects](#) by Oct. 15 for the EXITO Pilot Project. EXITO stands for Enhancing Cross-Disciplinary Infrastructure Training at Oregon and supports undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds as they pursue research careers.

[Apply for a workshop](#) that will introduce the concept of open textbooks, including how to find and incorporate them into courses. Applications are due Oct. 27 for the Nov. 3 workshop.

## Simon Benson tickets available

Discounted tickets for faculty and staff are available for the Simon Benson Awards Dinner, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Oregon Convention Center. Keynote speaker is Arianna Huffington, editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post Media Group. Awards will be presented to the Schlesinger family and alumnus Greg Ness MBA '87. [Discounted tickets are \\$150.](#)

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### EVENTS

#### October 12-16

[Campus American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

#### October 15

[The Portland State Strike of 1970 Exhibit](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Mail: Setup, Shortcuts, Tips, Chat, Tasks](#)

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

[Performance Attendance Series: Music Forward](#)

[Business School Groundbreaking](#)

[School of Art + Design Scholarship Exhibit Reception](#)

[Intro to Sport Climbing](#)

[Does Economics Clear or Cloud our Vision of Nature and the Challenges of Climate Change?](#)

[Volleyball: PSU vs. North Dakota](#)

#### October 15-17

[Dance Performance: White Bird: L-E-V](#)

#### October 16

[What Are Old People For?](#)

[Justice, Identity, and Leadership Series: Leadership Development](#)

[Theater + Film Costume Sale](#)

[Transportation Seminar: How Livable Streets Advocates Changed Boston](#)

[Soccer: PSU vs. North Dakota](#)

[Outdoor Program Trip: Primitive Skills Camping](#)

[Illuminating the Structure & Dynamics of Dye Molecules in the Condensed Phase with Nonlinear Optical Spectroscopy](#)

#### October 17

[Football: PSU vs. Montana State](#)

[Outdoor Program Trip: Columbia Slough Service & Paddling Trip](#)

[Costume Designers in Conversation](#)

#### October 19

[Education Abroad Fair](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

#### October 20

[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Guitar Heroes](#)

[Film Screening: The Hunting Ground](#)

### PEOPLE

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### PRESENTED

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