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PSOM brings 10 days of fun to campus

Portland State of Mind returns Oct. 22-31 with a full slate of events celebrating knowledge, culture and the University’s unique connection to the city. PDXTalks returns with five fearless speakers, PSOM Music Festival welcomes David Bazan and THEESatisfaction, the Day of Service connects the campus with the community, co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Huffington Post* Arianna Huffington keynotes the annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner, and the Vikings take on the Montana Grizzlies for PSU’s homecoming football game at Providence Park—and much more! [See a full schedule of events.](#)

Strategic plan draft ready for comment

A complete draft of Portland State’s new strategic plan is now available for a final round of public comment. “Let Knowledge Serve the City: PSU’s Strategic Goals 2015-2020” comes after one of the most extensive campus conversations yet on the future of the University. The document encompasses viewpoints from thousands of faculty, students and staff. [READ MORE](#)

PSU joins expanded Climate Commitment

Portland State President Wim Wiewel is one of 45 university presidents to sign an expanded [American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment](#)—aligning PSU with the mission to help the region

become more resilient in the face of climate change by building a strong green workforce and deeper levels of sustainability impact. Sustainability efforts are already underway on campus: [PSU’s Climate Action Plan](#) is available to read online, and research conducted at the University supports climate mitigation and adaptation in partnership with the city of Portland. [READ MORE](#)

Honors College names interim director

The University Honors College has named Betsy Natter as interim director, effective this month. Natter first joined PSU in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2004, and has since moved to University Studies. She also has served as chair of the University Honors Council and as a member of the University Studies Council.

Campus Recreation explores 'Why I Play'

PSU staff and students share their stories about the importance of play, exercise and health through Campus Recreation’s new “Why I Play” campaign. School of Business Administration Academic and Career Advisor Doug Siegler and Office of International Affairs Director Christina Luther are both featured in video profiles on the [Why I Play website](#), and the campus community is invited to [submit their own recreation stories online](#) and share using the #WhyIPlay hashtag on Instagram and Twitter.

Free science lecture tickets

Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture, “[Strange Tools: Art and Human Nature](#),” featuring Alva Noë. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave. Free tickets for classes or groups are available from Terry Bristol at bristol@lsepp.org.

PSU study finds older voters more likely to cast mayoral ballots

Voters aged 65 and older are 10 to 20 times more likely to cast ballots in mayoral elections than 18- to 34-year-olds, according to a Portland State study of four U.S. cities. The study, conducted by the PSU Center for Public Service and the Population Research Center, examined voter turnout from Charlotte, N.C.; Detroit; St. Paul, Minn.; and Portland. It found that older residents have more interest in local elections because they vote at higher rates. [READ MORE](#)

Donate used household, kids items

The Resource Center for Students with Children is seeking donations of children’s toys, books, school supplies and housewares for its upcoming [Shop for Free](#) event. Gently used items can be dropped off at the

RCSC in Smith Memorial Union Room 462 by Monday, Oct. 26. Call 503-725-9878 or email sswc@pdx.edu with questions.

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EVENTS

October 21
[Ongoing Exhibition: Between the Park Blocks and City Hall: The Portland State Strike of 1970](#)

[Social Capital Research to Action Symposium](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Accessibility Toolkit](#)

[Fall Harvest Festival](#)

[Faculty & Staff Office Hours with the President \(2 p.m., Simon Benson House\)](#)

[Library Workshop: Managing Resources with Zotero and Mendeley](#)

October 22
[OIT Workshop: Google Drive: Documents, Presentations, Drawings](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: PSU’s Student Profile and Student Support Resources](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: Adam LaMotte](#)

[PSOM: Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, Episode One](#)

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

[PSOM: Arlene Schnitzer Visual Arts Prize Exhibit and Reception](#)

[PSOM: Honors Speaker Series: Carola Dibbell](#)

[PSOM: The Cutting Edge: Printmaking Exhibit and Reception](#)

[PSOM: Launch Event: Asian American and Pacific Islander Employee Resource Group](#)

[PSOM: Portland’s Old Japan Town: A Charity Event for Tsunami Recovery in Japan](#)

[PSOM: Panel Discussion: ART and Remote Conflict](#)

[Volleyball: PSU vs. Montana](#)

October 23
[PSOM: PDXTalks](#)

[Teaching and Learning Faculty Book Group](#)

[PSOM: The Thanouser Studio and the Birth of American Cinema](#)

[Ways of Knowing Social Sustainability](#)

[Outdoor Program Trip: Crater Lake Inclusive Camping](#)

[Department of Chemistry Seminar Series: Travis Williams](#)

[PSOM Music Festival](#)

[Fridays@4: A Conversation about Teaching Design](#)

[PSOM: PSU/CDK Hack-a-thon](#)

[PSOM: Obama, Carbon and the 2015 Paris Climate Negotiations](#)

October 24
[PSOM Day of Service](#)

[PSOM: PSU Day at the Farmers Market](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. University of Oregon](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. Lower Columbia College](#)

[PSOM: Vines to Wines: Winery Tour and Tasting](#)

[PSOM: Museum of Natural History Open House](#)

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

[PSOM: PSU Orchestra Concert](#)

October 25
[PSOM: Music Forward Preview](#)

[PSOM: PSU Alumni Night with the Portland Timbers](#)

October 26
[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[PSOM: Bringing Equity into Focus: The Past, Present and Future of Juvenile Justice in Oregon](#)

[PSOM: Community Environmental Services 25th Anniversary Celebration](#)

[PSOM: Care & Repair of Books: Tips from the PSU Library](#)

October 27
[PSOM: Dia de los Muertos \(Day of the Dead\) Community Altar & Craft Making](#)

[PSU Jazz Concert Series](#)

[PSOM: #PSUTweetup + Strategic Ice Cream II](#)

[PSOM: Popcorn and Pop Culture](#)

[PSOM: MFA Studio Visiting Artist Lecture Series: Ryan Pierce](#)

[PSOM: PSU Convenes: Raising Oregon’s Minimum Wage](#)

[School of Art + Design Initiates Resident Artist Program](#)

[PSOM: Women in Writing and Publishing](#)

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