

NOVEMBER 23, 2015

THE LAST CURRENTLY for fall term will be published Wednesday, Dec. 2. The deadline for that issue is noon Wednesday, Nov. 25. Currently will resume weekly publication in January.

Pledging support for international climate action

Last week, Portland State joined The White House in announcing its pledge to support strong climate action by world leaders in Paris next month, while continuing to promote and advance sustainable practices on its own campus. With President Wim Wiewel's signature, PSU joined 217 U.S. colleges and universities—representing more than 3.3 million students—in demonstrating a commitment to climate action. The United Nations Conference on Climate Change is scheduled for Nov. 30–Dec. 11 in Paris. [READ MORE](#)

Architecture project wins AIA award

Architecture students and faculty received a high honor from the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Architects at its recent awards ceremony. Their [Treeline Stage](#) designed and constructed for the 2015 Pickathon music festival received the Jury Award, beating out more than 80 professional projects, including ones submitted by award-winning architecture and design firms. Made out of 435 giant cardboard tubes, the structure provided the stage backdrop as bands performed at the three-day festival held in Happy Valley during August.

Oregon's population passes 4 million

Portland State's Population Research Center released preliminary 2015 population estimates for Oregon and its cities and counties on Nov. 16. According to its July 1 population estimates, Oregon's population increased from 3,962,710 in 2014 to 4,013,845 in 2015, or by 51,135. This increase is around 7,500 higher than the population added in 2014, but it does not reach the peak pre-recession growth of 58,000 in 2006. The center has created [a new website](#) that traces the growth of Oregon's population from its founding in 1859 to today. [READ MORE](#)

PDXTalks on video

When was the last time you heard someone tell a story that made you think? Or moved you to action? Or left you in tears and laughter? That's the idea behind PDXTalks, an annual event to showcase the

knowledge and experiences of PSU's fearless faculty. Five speakers talked October 23, including Walidah Imarisha pictured here, for less than 20 minutes on a topic close to the heart. [Hear their stories.](#)

Food drive to support students with children

The Resource Center for Students with Children is seeking nutritious, non-perishable food for students with young children during its annual food drive Dec. 3-9. Items needed include peanut butter, jam, low-sugar cereal, rice, baby food, diapers, raisins, crackers, granola bars, pasta, soup, tuna, tea and coffee, canned or dried legumes, and canned fruits and vegetables. Drop off items at the center, 462 Smith Union, or email sswc@pdx.edu to schedule a pickup on Dec. 8 or 9.

Listen to PSU students of color

The campus community is invited to listen to students of color talk about their needs and experiences on campus at an event planned from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Multicultural Center, 228 Smith Union. "Faculty and staff can show their support by being present and listening," wrote organizers on a Facebook page dedicated to the event. A detailed list of the day's happenings, including performance, celebration, keynotes and dialogue, will be listed on the [Facebook page](#).

Students to sell crafts Dec. 3

Looking for handcrafted gifts this holiday season or want an opportunity to mix and mingle with Portland State's talented and artistic student community? Check out the Student Craft Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Native American Student and Community Center. The quarterly market provides an opportunity for students to earn money while promoting the values of repurposing materials and creating quality handmade goods. The craft markets are organized and hosted by PSU's Student Sustainability Leadership Council.

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EVENTS

November 26-27
[Thanksgiving – Campus Closed](#)

November 27
[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. UC Davis](#)

November 27-29
[Portland Ballet and PSU Orchestra: Day by Day and Firebird](#)

November 28
[Haiyan International Dance Academy Ballet](#)

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

November 30
[24-Hour Library Begins](#)

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

[PSU Faculty Senate Regular Meeting](#)

[Friends of Chamber Music: The Calder Quartet](#)

December 1
[Giving Tuesday](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel Intermediate](#)

[PSU Jazz Concert Series: Vocal Jazz](#)

[MFA Studio Lecture: Basma Alsharif](#)

[Friends of Chamber Music: The Calder Quartet](#)

December 2
[A+D Faculty Fellow Lecture: Julie Perini](#)

[Oregon Humanities Conversation Project: From Saving to Serving](#)

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

December 3
[Holiday Student Craft Market](#)

[Biology Seminar: Demographic Compensation and Tipping Points in Climate-Induced Range Shifts](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: Opera Scenes](#)

[Drop-In Conversations with the Provost](#)

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

[Archaeology Talk: Applied Zooarchaeology – Using Old and New Bones to Address North Pacific Conservation Issues](#)

December 4
[Maseeh Colloquium: Rank Driven Dynamics](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: Early Transition Metal C-H Alkylation Hydroaminoalkylation for the Synthesis of Amine Containing Materials and Small Molecules](#)

[Proving Ground: The First Two Years of PSU's Center for Public Interest Design](#)

[PSU Steinway Piano Series: Thomas Hecht Master Class](#)

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